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The Curse of the Pueblos' God.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY BOURDON WILSON.

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W HY, BOB DAVIS! Don't you know that's nothin' but a fairy tale? There never was any such a mine, an' so of course you can't find it. What's gone wrong with your head that you, of all men, should be goin' on such a rainbow-chase as this?"

"You don't know everything, Dan," Davis returned, chuckling at the astonishment showing in his partner's face; "there's more in that yarn than you think for, an' I'm goin' to find out just what it amounts to. It won't

cost much to run down an' look the country over, an' if there ever was such a mine, I'll find it; you can gamble on what led those old Dons to it 'I'll carry me to it. Of course, if I find it's nothin' but a rainbow, I'll just drop it an' come back home."

"All right, go ahead, I knew it wouldn't do any good for me to say a word," Dan replied, dryly. "You ain't the only fool to go up against those Mexican lies, an' that's about all the satisfaction you 'll get out of it. I know, for I've been there myself." And he took up some papers that were lying before him on his desk.

The mine of which they were speaking was El Tablon, one of the lost Spanish mines of New Mexico. These mines had much to do with the making of the early history of New Mexico. When the Spaniards discovered the valley of the Rio Grande, they found it occupied by a docile, peace-loving people, the Indians called Pueblo; and when they discovered that the mountains flanking the valley were rich in silver, they enslaved these Indians to work the mines that were speedily opened. A silver flood that astounded the world was the result, but at what a cost of misery, of suffering, of life, it was produced, the world knew nothing. For a hundred years the helpless Pueblos patiently bore their lot, and then suddenly rose in rebellion, massacring the most of the Spaniards, and sweeping the rest back into Mexico. Having in mind their enforced adoption of the Christian religion, and their suffering in the mines, they next turned their fury against these; they destroyed the churches and monasteries, and with them all their books and records; and they hid the mines, filling them with rock and earth, or covering them over, and obliterating or carrying far away everything that might have led to their rediscovery. To prevent the betrayal of their secret, the old medicine-men now invoked the aid of their gods, and their chief deity, speaking through the lips of his cratty priests, laid a curse of death and perpetual exclusion from Shipupalima, the Pueblo heaven, upon whomsoever should reveal to a white man the where-

abouts of the mines. Many years passed, and then the Spaniards returned, again conquering the Pueblos, but it was to discover that the mines could not be found, and that neither torture nor death would serve to wring the secret of their location from Pueblo lips. And so the Spaniards lost them, but their memory is still preserved by the simple New Mexicans and that had inspired Davis with the hope that he might find El Tablon, which was accounted the richest mine of them all.

And Davis was just the man to succeed in such an undertaking; shrewd, persevering, and seldom taking chances when the odds were against him, he had accumulated considerable money in the mining business, a business which has brought ruin to thousands of other men. As with all other successful men, there were a few who looked with envious eyes upon his success, and these were won't to hint myst riously at dark, unscrupulous deeds in his past; but to the majority of those who daily frequented the Denver Mining Exchange, he was known as a good business man who did nothing more dishonest than to do business in a business-like way.

Heedless of Dan's prophecy of failure, he went to New Mexico and quietly established himself in Los Gatos, a sleepy little Pueblo, near which the tradition located El Tablon, and as quietly began a careful examination of the hills and mountains around about. He was a skillful prospector and practical geologist; nevertheless, so well had the Indians done their work he searched in vain, finding neither the mine nor indications that might lead him to it; but he did discover evidence that it was not mythical, bits of slag from a primitive smelter, and pieces of rich ore, and so he kept up his search. Tramping alone day after day gave him opportunity for a deal of hard thinking, and he finally reached the conclusion that, while the natives might be unable to find the mine themselves, they must have received from their ancestors knowledge of it that he could turn to good account; and he set himself the task of learning all that they knew concerning it.

He told Dan of this in his next letter, to which Dan answered, "Don't be too sure of pumping your greasers; they're mighty smooth people themselves, and I'm thinking you'll get nothing more than a song-and-dance—or maybe a knife stuck in your gizzard. You'd better let them alone; I know the breed."

And Dan was right; the people of Los Gatos, like other New Mexicans, were of mixed Spanish and Pueblo blood, and, as a deal of Pueblo superstition goes with even the faintest strain of Pueblo blood, in spite of their implicit faith in the teachings of the Roman church they greatly feared the Pueblos' gods; and remembering the curse that lay upon the mines, they carefully kept from Davis whatever they may have known of El Tablon. Thus baffled, he became disheartened and was on the point of giving up, when he struck a new and promising lead.

Living in a little adobe house that stood in a clump of cottonwoods a short distance from Los Gatos, was a half-breed Pueblo, Ramon Garcia by name, whose occupation was herding goats. He had been brought up by his mother as a member of her tribe, and, when he reached the age of manhood, had been initiated into the mysteries of the Pueblos' religion, thereby learning all of their secrets. Later on he married a Mexican woman, and went to Los Gatos to live with her people. His wife was now dead, and only Panchita, his daughter, was living with him. Panchita was a pretty girl, having inherited Spanish features with her Spanish blood; and she was not entirely uneducated, a kind-hearted priest having taught her to read and write.

Happening to pass Ramon's house one day, Davis saw Panchita standing in the door, and struck by her prettiness rode up to ask for a drink of water; she brought it to him, and then stood answering his questions, artlessly telling him all that she knew concerning her father's life. He was overjoyed; here at last was one who could tell him of El Tablon, if anybody could; but when he asked to see Ramon, Panchita told him that he was gone to the hills with his goats, where he took them every day to graze. Though disappointed at the moment, Davis soon found cause to congratulate himself upon this circumstance.

As he rode on home, his busy brain had fresh plans made, and that night he wrote to Dan to tell him of these. "If I can get Ramon to talk," he said, "I'll have a cinch on finding the mine; the Pueblo priests know where it is, if anybody does; but there is where the trouble comes in; he's an Indian, and you know how close-mouthed Indians are. However, I have a scheme that I am sure will win out, but I'll have to play mighty careful cards; it is to work him through his daughter. My game is to get her in love with me, and, if she is as Spanish in nature as she is in looks, I'll soon have that done, when the rest will come easy—she'll pump Ramon for me."

Dan answered, "You'd better take the advice of an older fool and let that little Mexican girl alone, or else she'll send you home in a box. I know their style, and speak from a little experience of my own; they won't stand monkey-business in their love affairs, and it'll surprise you how handy they are with a knife."

Davis laughed when he read this, wondering what Dan's experience was, but paid no attention to his advice. He now went every day to Ramon's house, filling Panchita's pretty head with stories of the gay world beyond Los Gatos, and praises of her beauty; and within a month she loved him with all the ardor of her passionate race, and one day promised to marry him.

As long as he lives, Davis will remember that day and scene; throwing her arms around his neck, she whispered, "I do love you! Madre de Dios, I love you with all my heart and soul! And you?—Tell me that you will always love me, my darling. God of my soul, I would wish to kill you if ever you should not!" He shivered apprehensively, remembering Dan's warning, but the next moment recovered his self-control and began pouring into her ears promises of eternal constancy.

He wrote Dan of his successful love-making, adding, "I can't help but feel sorry for the silly little creature, she thinks so much of me, but then she is only a greaser, and so I'll not let that stand in my way."

To which Dan answered, "I hope you see your way clear to getting rid of your little greaser; I don't, and I wouldn't stand in your shoes for two silver mines. You'll find her a d—d sight harder to shake than to catch—it was that way with me."

A few days later he had another letter from Davis, telling him that Panchita had promised to pump her father concerning El Tablon. "She kicked clear out of the traces at first," he said, "not because she didn't want to help me, but because she was afraid the curse of those old Pueblo gods would fall on me. I am getting a little anxious as to what she may do when she gets onto my game, and so I want you to arrange to come here at a moment's notice; when I find the mine, I want you to take charge of it, so I can fly out without loss of time."

But the winning of Panchita seemed to put Davis no nearer to El Tablon; she reported that her father shook his head when she questioned him, saying that he knew nothing of the mine, farther than that it was accursed. Several days passed without anything being accomplished, and Davis was beginning to think of giving up his quest, when he received a letter that caused him to determine to do so, and to leave Los Gatos at once. This letter was from his wife, announcing her intention of joining him if he could not immediately return home. If there was anybody of whom he stood in awe, it was his wife; he wondered uneasily if she had heard of Panchita, and dreading the consequences should she come to Los Gatos and learn of his relations with the girl, decided to start for home the next morning.

He was packing his things when his door opened, and in walked Panchita, carrying a roll of discolored parchment, which she eagerly offered him, saying that it was about El Tablon. She made her father drunk, she explained, and while in that condition he had told her where to find the parchment. Instantly Davis forgot all about his wife and going home; opening the parchment, one glance told him that it was a rude map of the surrounding country, and half an hour's study of this and the crabbed Spanish text accompanying it told him just where to look for the mine.

Panchita did not wait for him to finish his examination of the map, but stole quietly out; and he was relieved to find her gone when he at last raised his head. Putting the map in his pocket, he wrote two telegrams, one to Dan, telling him to come at once, the other to his wife, telling her that he would start for home in a few days, and then hired a man to take him to the railroad, twenty miles away. This done, he at once began preparing to go to the mountains; the hour was too late for him to get back before night, and, intending to camp wherever darkness might find him, he was rolling his blankets, when he was startled to find his wife's letter had disappeared.

Could Panchita have taken it? he asked himself, cursing his carelessness in leaving it lying on his bed where she could see it. And then came a reassuring thought; what if she had taken it? it was hardly possible that she could read Spanish, much less English, and so would be unable to learn what it contained. But this was followed by another troublesome thought; she might get somebody to translate the letter for her—a priest for instance—she was a devout Catholic, he knew—and before starting he carefully saw to it that his revolvers were in good condition.

An hour's ride carried him to a wild spot in the mountains, where he left his horse and proceeded afoot, climbing the steep side of a mountain that towered far above him. When about half way up he stopped to consult the map; the sun had set, and it was already so dark that he could scarcely see to read. Then he went to a huge rock that stood not far away, and looking northward, singled out a snow-capped peak that stood in that direction, and walked straight toward it, carefully spacing and counting his steps. Presently he stopped at a large, flat rock which lay partially buried in the earth; he had found El Tablon—the rock covered its entrance.

Forgetful of everything else, he was kneeling beside the rock, examining the ground with the view of putting in a blast to open the mine,

when he heard a soft footfall behind him; turning his head, he found Panchita, bending

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over him, and in her hand was an object that shone in the dim twilight like the blade of a long knife. Instinctively dodging to one side, he whipped out his revolver and fired, and without even a moan she staggered backward and sank to the ground, quivering in death. And the object with which she had seemed to threaten him, falling at his feet, he picked it up, and saw that it was—a crucifix.

Davis did not spend that night in the mountains as he had intended; instead, he galloped back to Los Gatos, and happening to look on the floor behind his bed, found his wife's letter lying there. He went home the next day, Dan having arrived; and, as he and his wife are now numbered among the American residents of Paris, it is reasonable to presume that El Tablon lost nothing in richness during the many years that it remained closed.

A Modern Pocahontas.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY PRENTISS INGRAHAM.

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It was in the far west, where trails were few and far between and the grave that caught my eye would not have been seen had not a deer that I had shot fallen near it.

Near where lay the dead buck, a white object riveted my attention; what was my surprise to find a well-cared for grave. It was marked by a marble tablet upon which I read:

"MYRTLE,
Self-Sacrificed."

My guide told me that he knew the story of the grave; yet his frank confession that it cut him deep to tell it, prevented my asking

more of him and my mind began to weave its own sad romance about poor Myrtle.

"Do you see that mountain up yonder?" broke in the guide.

"Yes, and is that not a cabin upon it?"

"It is, and in that cabin lives the man who has the best right to tell you the story of this grave."

"Half a dozen years ago this grave was dug, and there was a thriving settlement just beyond where our camp is; but the Indians were hostile and the settlers moved nearer to the fort for protection."

After a moment, the guide continued:

"The man living on yonder cliff is my brother, several years younger than I am though you would not believe it, for his hair is as white as snow. Would you like to go up and see him, for he may tell you the story?"

I expressed a desire to go up to the little cabin on the cliff and meet his hermit brother, and the guide led the way.

The cabin was well built, so situated as to command a vast sweep of landscape and it looked comfortable.

"Ho, Alfred—" called out the guide and a faint voice within answered:

"Come in, Ned."

The hermit was there lying upon his bed and a glance showed him to be a sick man.

"Poor Alfred, you are ill."

"I have been for some days, Ned, scarcely able to get about, and I am glad to see you."

"I am camped near the old settlement, guiding a hunting party and this gentleman is one of the outfit, a writer, picking up notes for a book, I believe."

The hermit held out his hand and gave me a cordial greeting; but I noticed that he was burning with fever. I had some knowledge of medicine, and I asked the guide to return to our camp, several miles distant, and secure certain remedies as well as other things to make the unfortunate man comfortable.

In a couple of hours the guide returned, and I was glad to feel that I could render some service to the unfortunate recluse.

Leaving the hunting party to go without me, as they were to return that way within a few days, I was glad to devote myself to nursing the hermit back to health once more.

In a few days the hermit was himself again and from his lips I had heard the sad story of the grave.

"When I too am at rest, it will not matter—the story may be told, but not before," he said.

To-day Alfred Moore rests in the valley and I feel at liberty to make known the tragedy that marred two lives.

A well-to-do community of men, women and children were the people of the Bennings Settlement, conscious of their own strength, their capability to make a garden spot out of a wilderness while relying upon themselves alone for defense against the redskins.

Among the maidens of the settlement, the

Disgruntled.

Men Who Manufacture Misery.

The disgruntled man, the man who is sulky and dissatisfied under all conditions and circumstances, is to be found everywhere. Even at the seaside where he has gone for rest and recreation you'll find him surly and sulky, grumbling at the weather, the people, the hotel accommodations, the board, and everything else. His scowling, sullen visage checks the flow of talk at the table, and hushes the prattle of playing children. Now and again one gossip says to another, "The old chap's liver must be out of order." Somebody else says, "Perhaps he's suffering from kidney trouble." And a majority incline to the opinion that it's "just dyspepsia." And as it happens they are all of them right. His liver is sluggish. His kid-



neys are disordered. His blood is necessarily poisoned, by accumulations of effete matter. And last of all his stomach is "out of order." This is another case in which in the logical sequence of statement

THE LAST IS FIRST.

The liver is sluggish because the stomach is diseased. The kidneys are disordered because the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition are "weak" and cannot supply adequate nutrition for the needs of the body. How do we know this? Because in so many cases, persons who have suffered with disease of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, etc., have found these diseases entirely cured, when Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has cured diseases of the stomach and the other organs of digestion and nutrition.

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THE SCHOOL-BOY'S POCKET

is notorious for the miscellany it contains. Tops, string, apples, marbles, chewing gum, nails, jack-stones, are all mixed in one confused mass. What would be said of one who used that pocket which we call the stomach for such a heterogeneous collection of materials? This is done not alone by the human ostrich at the circus, but by thousands of good people who do not consider the relations of the stomach to the other organs of the body. The purpose of eating is to provide nutrition for the body. But how many people think of the nutritive value of the food they eat? For the most part the choice of food is made to please the palate. The palate is a creature of education. It may be taught to crave things bitter or things sweet; to desire spicy or fiery condiments which irritate the stomach, or dainties which distress it, and in which the food value is reduced to the minimum. As a rule the palate is taught to desire the most undesirable things from the viewpoint of nutrition. The

result is that the stomach has to thresh a great quantity of straw to obtain one grain of nutrition.

The body is sustained by food properly digested and assimilated and converted into nutrition. But when the food lacks nutritive value the body and its organs must be starved. Exactly the same thing happens when the food eaten is nutritious, but the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition being weakened by disease, fail to extract the nutrition from the food provided. Then the body is starved also.

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bright particular star was Myrtle Carrington, loved by one and all. The only child of her father, petted yet not spoiled, she was the sunshine of his old age.

Her hero lover was Alfred Moore, handsome, courteous and the leader of the youths of the settlement. The tie between them was made public when Carrington gave his consent to their engagement. One day, in the absence of Moore, some of the members of the Pioneer Guard, of which he was the Captain, captured a young Indian Chief, and they at once decided to make an example of him.

This example was to be at the end of a rope, and, but for the arrival of Myrtle Carrington upon the scene, the career of the young chief would have ended then and there.

Had it been prior to the announcement of her engagement to Alfred Moore, the entreaties of Myrtle to spare the chief's life might have been listened to with favor; but those young hot heads felt a sweet revenge in refusing her request, and the ring-leader ordered his men to go on with the hanging.

Myrtle Carrington finding her entreaties scorned, used another argument, a revolver.

"The man who touches hand to that rope I shall kill," was the second argument and one very much to the point.

"You have captured this chief, and wounded as he is, he deserves your compassion. He shall ride my horse back to the settlement and be cared for in my father's home until he is able to return to his people and it will thus change his hatred for us into friendship."

It was a bold stand for even Myrtle Carrington to take against a dozen men; but it won, and mounted upon the horse of one of the party the young chief was led by her into the settlement and to her own home.

Though a merciful precedent, it was a dangerous one, in that it brought to Myrtle's feet a redskin suitor whose method of wooing regarded from a pale face point of observation, was not orthodox.

Mr. Carrington and Alfred Moore looked at the affair as had Myrtle, that it would beget friendship with the Indians.

Won by the pluck of his rescuer, enraptured with her beauty and deeply grateful for her kindness, the chief, second only to his father as a leader of his people, and "in admiration of the dark-skinned maidens of his tribe, could not understand why he could not win the heart of the pale face girl.

In English that was expressed in ardent metaphor rather than according to the rules of syntax, he told of his love, and not believing he could meet with refusal told her he would take her to his tepee and the people of his tribe

would welcome her.

He was much crest-fallen and deeply pained when Myrtle explained to him that it could not be, that she was promised to one of her own race, and she was somewhat startled by the quick proposition to kill Alfred Moore and thus get rid of a rival.

But in her sweet way, Myrtle discarded her redskin suitor and gladly saw him depart, after a visit of several weeks, mounted upon a fine horse given him by Alfred Moore and leading a pack animal heavily laden with gorgeous blankets, provisions and many gifts that gladden an Indian's heart.

One day, a horseman in uniform dashed into the settlement and said that he was sent from the Post to ask Captain Moore and his men to go to the aid of an immigrant train hemmed in by Indians a score of miles away.

The young captain and forty men were in the saddle and away within half an hour, and the settlers met in council that night to prepare to defend their homes.

Mr. Carrington was away at the meeting and Myrtle was alone in their home. Suddenly a form glided into the room, so noiselessly that she knew not of his coming until he stood before her.

In full war paint though he was, Myrtle recognized the young chief whom she had befriended several months before, and though startled she calmly greeted him. Then she heard the cruel story he had to tell, listened to words that sent every drop of blood rushing to her heart and sealing her fate forever.

The horseman in uniform who had come to the settlement had not been a soldier from the Post but a renegade white man, a dweller in the chief's tribe, he told her, and was sent to draw off the fighting force from the settlement on a false errand.

With the chief, and completely surrounding the settlement, were hundreds of mounted braves ready to kill and destroy at a signal from him. That signal he would give unless Myrtle would return with him to his people. If she would do so he would call his warriors off and the hatchet would be buried between his tribe and her people.

It was an appalling ordeal for a young girl to face, and her brain reeled, her heart almost ceased its beating. She must give up her father, the man she loved dearer than her life, her home, her people, all—to dwell among savages, the toy of a young barbarian, yield everything life held dear to her, sacrifice herself to save others.

The moments passed, the chief patiently awaiting her decision with the stoicism of his race. Suddenly she turned to him but not to appeal for herself; it was for others she pleaded and she asked if he would keep his word to make no attack upon the settlement, if she would go with him? He answered in the affirmative and she said simply:

"I will go with you."

Then she wrote the terrible story she had to tell, both to Alfred Moore and to her father.

"It is my one life against many, and I do my duty as I see it," was the pitiful ending of her letter to Alfred Moore.

The Indian chief patiently waited for her while she prepared for her going with him, then led the way to his waiting horses, raised her to her saddle—for she was powerless to aid herself—and the trail was taken, a long line of silent horsemen falling in behind their leader. The one joy alone in the blackness of despair in Myrtle's heart was that the chief had been true to his word, that her sacrifice had saved her people.

How bitterly the blow fell upon the loving father when he returned to face the ghastly truth, was shown by the upturned dead face that greeted Alfred Moore when he came back soon after dawn, feeling that he had been tricked.

Alfred Moore rallied after weeks of suffering, with whitened hair, an old man before his time.

Still true to his pledge to his pale face wife the young chief strove hard to calm the war spirit of his people; but he was beaten in the council tepee in every argument, other tribes struck at their white foes and the Bennings Settlement was driven to the protection of the forts, and ashes alone marked the spot of the one-time happy homes.

Alfred Moore went not back with his people, but alone remained to avenge the girl he had so loved, and his record was a red one.

Beaten at last the Indians retreated further into the Land of the Setting Sun, leaving one grave that was strangely marked, for above it had been reared a monument of stone, the last tribute of the young chief to poor Myrtle who had so soon found oblivion beneath the sod.

The last shot fired in revenge by Alfred Moore was at a supposed red skin, but who was in reality the renegade white man who had sent him away from the settlement by a clever trick. Before he died he told Alfred Moore how quickly Myrtle had faded and died and where the young chief had buried her and marked her grave.

From that day Alfred Moore became a recluse, shunning his fellowmen, dwelling in the cabin he built for himself upon the cliff.

Through his brother he had ordered that simple marble monument with its strange inscription, and there by the side of poor Myrtle he at last found rest.

Such was the pitiful story.

An Easter Wedding.

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MRS. PATTEN came out into the kitchen on tip-toe, and closed the door behind her softly. "Everything is all right in there," she said. "Maria is sleeping as quiet as can be. It doesn't look now as if there would be much for us to do, tonight, for the doctor said if she slept, not to disturb her. "Almira and Hubbard are both as sound asleep, too, as logs of wood," she added, "and I don't wonder; for Maria's been sick so long they haven't had a decent night's rest since nobody knows when. I told Almira before they went to bed, not to hurry up in the morning, bein' it's Sunday, but just try and get their sleep made up a little. I ain't in no hurry about goin' home in the morning, because John's wife will see to gettin' breakfast, an' I told Almira you said you'd just as lief walk over home as to ride, when you was ready to go."

"Yes," said Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Patten's companion, as she cast a glance out through the kitchen window into the darkness, "I just as soon walk as not, if it don't storm no more than it looks now as if it was agoin' to."

Mrs. Berry was sitting in a rocking chair, knitting. "It seems good, doesn't it," she said, "to think that Maria is really gettin' well. For all she's been so poorly she's always done a sight of good. How many times I've heard my mother say, 'Maria Todd is the salt of the earth.'"

"I know," replied Mrs. Patten. "It's just so. How long she's been ailing. Do you know," she went on, with a half covert glance up at the big clock, above which the regal eyes of a great bunch of peacock feathers glowed dully in the lamp light. "I can't help but wonder sometimes whether peacock feathers do really have anything to do about bringin' sickness into a house. You know lots of folks say they do."

"I know they do," replied Mrs. Berry; "but goodness me! I don't take no stock in it. Why, my father kept peacocks for years when I was a girl at home, an' except for their just about makin' a body deaf with their screechin' I never could see that they did any harm. An' they do keep the hawks off."

"Don't you think," she added, her eyes following those of the other woman to the clock, "that we better have something to eat? I begin to feel kinder sleepy."

"Yes," said Mrs. Patten, "so do I. It's most eleven o'clock, too. You just set there comfortable, an' I'll stir up the fire, an' make some good strong tea. Almira showed me where she keeps everything, in the but'ry, an' I said to her then that I didn't see how, with all she's had to do, that she could keep her work up so."

"It's her way," said Mrs. Berry. "She ain't like some women, who turn 'round all day in a peck measure."

Mrs. Patten set the table, and both women partook of cold roast pork, bread and butter and sauce, pie, cake and tea. When they had finished, and Mrs. Patten had noiselessly washed the dishes in the kitchen sink and returned from another visit to the front room, she said:

"Now Mrs. Berry you better lay down on the lounge and try to get a nap. There's no use both of us keepin' awake."

"No, of course there ain't," admitted Mrs. Berry. "I don't seem to feel sleepy, now, though. That tea you made sorter chirked me up. Why don't you lay down yourself?"

"I don't feel sleepy either. I guess I'll just warm my feet a mite. They got kinder cold, what with my goin' into that back but'ry." She opened the door of the low oven in the cooking stove and placed her feet on the edge of the oven. Both women were silent for several minutes, and the click of Mrs. Berry's knitting needles was the only noise to be heard.

Mrs. Patten was the first to speak. "Did you ever know Mrs. Jonathan Stillings?" she asked. "I met her once, to a district convention," was the reply. "That was before her husband died."

Mrs. Patten laughed a jolly little laugh, and then looked up suddenly in a half-guilty way at the door which went into the other part of the house, as if she had forgotten herself.

"I never watch anywhere," she said, "but what I think of one night when I watched with her. That was when I lived in Bath and was the strangest experience I ever had. It was the night before Easter." She stooped down to touch the side of the oven with her finger, to see if the stove was hot enough to scorch her shoes, and went on.

"Jonathan Stillings' and Ebenezer Shadrack's farms lay right side by side, there in Bath, an' the two families was as intimate as a cup an' saucer, until one day Jonathan had a blooded Jersey heifer get through the line fence into Eb's field and eat up about a quarter of an acre of cabbages. Of course so much green feed made the critter sick, an' she took the colic an' died. They couldn't agree which one was to blame, because the heifer got through a gap where the two strips of line fence joined each other, an' each man said it was the other's business to have seen to it that the hole was fixed. So Jonathan sued Eb for the loss of the heifer, and Eb sued Jonathan for the loss of the cabbages. First one got his case an' then the other. Then they both appealed, an' both decisions was reversed, an' so it went on just like that for years."

"They each had one child; Eb a son, an' Jonathan a daughter, an' everybody, includin' the young people themselves I reckon, had looked to see the two farms marry, for the children had always been fond of each other."

"But goodness! As soon as the lawing began each father up an' declared no child of his'n should marry a child of the other; an' they carried the day, for they always was bigoty men, both of them."

"Folks used to wonder how it would come out; when one year providence stepped in an' took a hand, an' Jonathan and Ebenezer both died, within six months of each other, one of pneumonia an' the other of typhoid fever."

"Well, we neighbors looked to see the trouble end then, for the women folks never had took things to heart as their husbands had, but do you know, the minute Jonathan was gone, his wife acted just as if she thought his mantle had settled on her shoulders, an' she up an' got just as bigoty as ever he was."

"Jane Ellen Stillings," says she—that was her girl's name—"you'll never marry no son of Ebenezer Shadrack unless you do it over my dead body."

"Well, Jane Ellen had spirit enough of her own, but she was a real nice girl, an' of course she couldn't go against her own mother, an' she all the near relation she had got in the world, an' so she give Eb's boy his freedom."

"Well, it run on like that for some three or four years, when Mrs. Stillings herself was took down sick with pneumonia, the same disease her husband died of. She was hard sick from the first, an' it wasn't long before everybody who was there said there wasn't more than one chance in a hundred for her. I didn't believe that night when I went to watch that she'd live through the night, no more did anybody else, so there was several neighbors stayed there, beside myself."

"About midnight she begun to run right down fast, an' some of those there thought she was gone, but it seemed to me all the time as if I could feel a mite of pulse. I kept my fingers on her wrist, an' bime-by I felt it beat again plain, an' then come stronger an' stronger. All at once she opened her eyes, full upon Jane Ellen, who had sat right there by the bed, an' she said, as rational an' plain as could be, only weak, of course:

"Jane Ellen, I have seen your father and Ebenezer Shadrack. They was settin' side by side, as friendly as could be. It was meant for a lesson to me, I reckon. Troubles ain't to be carried out of this world. I've meant right by your father's memory, but I was wrong. You may marry William Shadrack; an' I want you to do it now, here, before I die."

"Mother!" was all that Jane Ellen said. "I said now," said Mrs. Stillings, faint, but enough like the Mrs. Jonathan Stillings I had neighbored with for fifteen years so I knew she meant it."

"Jane Ellen," says I, "ain't William out in the back kitchen?"

"Yes," says she, sorter shame-faced. "He come over in the evenin' an' said he'd stay, in case we needed anything."

"You got an' git him, I said, 'an' I'll tell Mr. Fitts.' That was the minister,—one of the best men the Lord ever made. He had been settled there for years, an' no house where there was sorrow ever found him wantin'. He was out in the settin'-room then, I knew, waitin' in hopes he might be able to say something to comfort Jane Ellen."

"Jane Ellen says, 'Oh, Mrs. Patten! Do you think I ought to?'"

"I said, 'You do as your mother says, an' hustle, too.'"

"I reckoned I hadn't known Mrs. Jonathan Stillings fifteen years for nothing."

"Well, sir, they was married, right there in the bedroom, with Mrs. Stillings lyin' there in bed lookin' at them."

"An' the minister hadn't any more than said 'Amen,' she added 'before Jane Ellen's mother's eyes shut up, an' off she went again.'"

"Did she die?" asked Mrs. Berry, whose knitting had fallen forgotten in her lap.

"Land, no," was the answer, "an' ain't dead yet. It wasn't long ago I saw her tendin' Jane Ellen's twins while their father and mother had gone to Boston on an excursion. Queer, wasn't it?"

"Yes," said Mrs. Berry, thoughtfully, as she rolled up her knitting and stuck the needles through the ball of yarn—the hands of the clock pointed to midnight, now, and it was Easter Sunday—"it was."

The Last Curve.

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across a picturesque stretch of mountain country.

Bess was nervous from the first, but I laughed at her, a trifle upset, perhaps, myself. She insisted upon going up to the village into which I pulled at midnight and where I stayed till seven in the morning. So she went up with the little kid, and my heart was lighter as midnight came on.

But Bess was anxious. The landlady told me that she could settle to nothing all day. Every night she waited up for me. I teased her and laughed at her, all in vain. She shook her pretty dark head and said gently:

"I hope I am just as silly as you pretend to think me, Tom," and that was all.

The road was indeed full of danger, especial-

ly now that hands were few and often unreliable and inefficient. And after nightfall, it may be that my hand was not quite steady on the lever. But I'm not considered a coward as my present position shows.

Sometimes the sky that always keeps a fellow sort of braced up was cut off by overhanging crags and cliffs. And there were two long tunnels. In several places the track lay upon a narrow shelf along the steep mountain side, and a man might look up or down according to his faith. One of these shelves, and the worst one, since the curve was short and the track hidden beyond, lay upon the mountain side just two miles out from the village where Bess waited. I wasn't exactly afraid of this curve, but I was always glad when I pulled in safe and sound at the station.

I had been running No. 27 for three weeks when one midnight as we neared the short curve, the fireman, a mere lad, caught my arm and cried: "Look!"

Ahead of us I saw a curious light. It was soft and white and steady, resting there in the darkness about five feet above the track. Going down from it, and widening as it neared the track fell a thin curtain of light that reaching the ties lay in a white blotch upon them. This white spot was six cornered and sharply outlined and to my excited imagination suggested a coffin, in shape.

"A Will o' the wisp," I shouted. "Wonder we haven't seen 'em before, these wet fall nights. Don't get scared of a shadow, Bill."

Bess was, I thought, a trifle more nervous and wide-eyed. I laughingly threatened to send her home to her mother. She gravely shook her head and I kissed her good bye and laughed when she refused to watch me out of sight, calling back to say how superstitious she was growing.

That night the light was in its place just as we had seen it the night before. Neither of us said anything, but we looked at each other. The third night we both looked for it. "She's on time," Bill said with a sickly grin. There it was, clear and steady and stopping with that coffin-shaped splotch. It was ghastly, but I answered Bill's grin with one I felt to be scarcely more wholesome. We pulled in safely, however, and was feeling bolder when Bill pulled my sleeve as I was leaving the engine to hurry home to Bess.

"It's the third warnin'," he said huskily. "Somethin's goin' to happen. I sha'n't say on'thin' an' I sha'n't desert you, but look out!"

I laughed, not quite merrily, perhaps, and went to Bess. Her pretty face looked thin and white and her smile was very feeble. I noticed that the dimples had gone with her bright color. I gathered the small woman into my arms and scolded and petted her, but she lay quite still with her cheek against mine.

"I'm afraid, Tom. I feel danger near. Truly, now, don't you?" She turned and looked straight into my eyes. I thought of the strange light, but I laughed and promised her a new ring if she would make haste and get strong. A woman will do nearly anything for a new ring. But Bess shook her head in that decided little way of hers.

"If I could just be of use, Tom; if I could do anything," she said as if she had come to care very little about pretty things. That frightened me far more than the mysterious light had done.

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I didn't like the queer, far away look in her eyes, and so before I left in the morning I looked up the good old doctor and had him promise to go in to see her at once. It was raining and there was one of those dreary, uncompromising east winds. There had been a siege of murky weather. Bill said it was stretched out thin to cover all the days possible. But today the rain was not so thin and before night it set in sharply as if the job must be finished without further delay. The cold rain came driving straight from the east.

Before we reached the last curve I saw Bill looking for the light. I, too, began to keep an eye out for it. Far ahead I saw it, white and still in spite of the wind, and presently, outlined against it, I saw a woman's figure. I saw that she was standing on the track, straight and tall. My arm weakened, my right hand forgot its cunning, but I heard the sharp, repeated warning and knew that Bill was trying to stop the train.

My eyes were on her face, now that we were nearer and the head light shone against that other light. I saw the white, thin face with the dark hair blowing about it and I knew that it was Bess! She wore a loose white clinging garment and her little hands were held high. One in warning to me, and the other pointing backward toward the curve.

I stood like a stone. I heard Bill panting like a dying beast. Slowly, slowly the engine stopped, too late! The sound as of many waters confused me. I felt Bill pulling at me. I heard men calling to know what was the matter. Bill was silent as I. Somebody said:

"Get him away, he's about to die!" I lifted my feet and Bill dragged me along. Others followed after. Around the curve Bill stopped. "See!" he said pointing with curious calmness at the place upon which he turned the light of his lantern. Quantities of rock and earth loosened by the rains had fallen from the mountain side and lodged upon the track.

"She knew," I said. I heard Bill sob. "Did you tell them?" I asked. He beckoned to a man who came to me, and I saw Bill going back. I wondered vaguely if her pretty face would be marred. I knew how tender the men would be. They carried me home, silently.

"You are a bit late," Mrs. Sims said, meeting me. "And I never did hear the train come in, the rain is so noisy on the roof. Why, sir, are you ill?"

"Bess!" was all I could say, as they put me into a low chair.

"O, yes, you've heard, then. It was a queer turn she had, but she's come round nicely. Dr. Mead was puzzled, as he owned himself, but she's all right now, she came to a quarter of an hour ago." As she finished speaking she opened the door to our room and I saw Bess lying white and smiling on the bed. I felt glad that her pretty face was not marred. I staggered toward her, sobbing brokenly. How quickly they had brought her and made her fair to see! I knelt beside her and bowed my head.

And then I felt the touch of her dear little

fingers on my hair. "Tom, dear old Tom, were you so frightened?" It was her own voice. "Hold up your face. Why, my poor old boy, how you look! It was only a dream, and they have waked me, don't you see? I kept wishing that I could make the road safe as well as short, Tom. And I saw coming down the mountain side a great, crushing weight of rock and the—I think I don't quite know, Tom."

"It was a dream, child, a dream," I said, holding her close.

"Yes, I know, but I heard the ghastly thud as it fell right on the track where you could not see it for the curve." The doctor who had entered looked at me. How could she have known? She had never once seen the track.

"The little woman's nerves are out of fix. You must take her to her mother," he said.

It did not occur to me to tell my story, and Bill is closed-mouthed, so the passengers have never known how the train was saved that night. Even after my long illness, for the fever was ready for me now, I could not tell Bess the story. We never speak of it, Bill and I, but the rough fellow worships my pretty wife and I can tell when Bess is thinking of the curious dream that came to her the night I made my last run on the connecting line.

Summa Cum Laude.

With The Highest Praise.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY BURTON MCPHAIL.

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JOE Morgan entered college in '93 full of ambition and hope and his freshman year indicated that success would eventually crown his efforts. His subsequent work during the remaining three years of college life both amazed and pained those who were watching his career.

At the opening of the sophomore year Morgan found himself rooming with a young man from the West, Herbert Marshall. He had entered college as a second year man, when as a matter of fact he should have come as a freshman.

A widowed mother was sending him, and he, anxious to get ahead in his classes, had made that mistake so frequently seen, managed to

blunder through the examinations and enter heavily conditioned.

Morgan learned much of his roommate's circumstances within a few weeks and took upon himself the task of placing the young man upon his feet, for he was convinced that otherwise the year would be a failure and necessitate his entering as a freshman the following year.

Morgan's work began to fall off the first week than he began coaching his classmate, and after a month of unsatisfactory work he was taken to task for it. No word escaped his lips, however, and though the months passed and there was no improvement, he determined to fight it out on that line, whatever the cost. Marshall needed help, and he believed that it was his duty to stand by the young man.

It was a bitter struggle, how bitter only Morgan and Marshall knew; worst of all, the battle became more and more desperate as the year passed; it was a question which would win—grim determination, or the wolf and unconquered books.

It was the night before commencement, a gala time for most of the students, though a few trembled, thinking of the coveted sheepskin. Morgan had buoyed himself up during the past few weeks, hoping that somehow he would manage to pull through and get his degree, and such was the case, though he escaped by less than one per cent. Not until that night had he realized the bitterness that was to be his, comparing his naked B. A. with the "Summa cum Laude" he had set his heart upon when entering college.

Marshall saw Morgan with his hands covering his face and noted the tears that tickled down through his fingers. He said nothing, but somehow he guessed what troubled his roommate, and he determined that this night he would speak and tell the faculty the truth, relate the facts of that awful struggle and let the president of the college know that he, Marshall, had kept Morgan back those three years.

Marshall found the president at his desk and broached the subject at once.

"There has been a great wrong committed in this college," said Marshall, "one of the students has been defrauded."

"I do not understand you," said the president, dropping his pen, "what do you mean Mr. Marshall?"

"I mean this," said the young man, "a student has been wronged for three years, and though he is to receive his degree, it is the lowest that the college confers, when as a matter of fact he should have received one of the highest. The one that has wronged him is to receive a degree with the inscription 'Cum Laude.'"

"Who is this man?" asked the President.

"Joseph H. Morgan, sir, and I am the one who placed him where he is to-night. I came here three years ago unprepared to enter the sophomore classes, but Joe Morgan coached me night and day when he should have been at his own books. Not only that, but hard times came and the funds got low, and he did any kind of work to help me through. Now, I see it all in its true light, and I ask a favor—transfer the 'Cum Laude' to Morgan's diploma; it is he that should receive his degree, with praise, not I."

"I think that the matter can be satisfactorily

adjusted," said the professor, "go to your room now, but say nothing of your talk with me."

It was Commencement Day, and the president of the college was upon the platform of the great hall, distributing the diplomas of the graduating class. The house was filled to overflowing with the friends and relatives of the students. Among them was Morgan's father, stern and grim, for he had learned from different quarters something of his son's unsatisfactory progress and the slight margin that secured his degree. Marshall's mother was there, too, pained that her boy was to lose the inscription attached to his diploma, but happy through it all, knowing that he had done right.

One by one were the B. A. degrees conferred, and as the last one was delivered Joe Morgan turned pale and clutched the arm of his chair. He imagined that at the last moment the faculty had decided to withhold his diploma, and for an instant everything seemed to swim about his head.

Then came the degrees "Cum Laude," and among them was Herbert Marshall's. Morgan had intended to lead the applause when his roommate received his degree, but in spite of himself a tear rolled down his cheek and a great sob came to his lips.

The degrees "Magna cum Laude" followed.

Then came those degrees most coveted of all—the "Summa cum Laude." There were not many of them and presently the president of the college held the last diploma in his hand.

"It has been my privilege to bestow the degrees of the college upon many classes," said he, holding the remaining diploma in his extended hand, "but never have I held a diploma that gave me so much pleasure in conferring as the one before you."

JOSEPH H. MORGAN, B. A. SUMMA CUM LAUDE."

For an instant there was utter silence, and then a cheer was given that shook the building. The students all knew of the struggle through which Morgan had passed, and they knew that he had the making of a man in him, and there was not one that questioned the action of the faculty. Morgan advanced as one in a dream and mechanically put out his hand for the diploma. It seemed to him as though he were dreaming and it was not until he was fairly in his room and looking at the precious roll that he comprehended it all.



contempt for the Pope, used for his correspondence paper water-marked with a mitred hog.

HE term "fools cap" applied to a certain size of paper, has a curious origin. This size was originally used in England for official documents, and was water-marked with a crown. The Parliament of Charles I, wishing to show its contempt for the ruler, had all the official paper water-marked with a fool's cap and bells. It is said that they borrowed the idea from the notorious Henry VIII, who, in order to show his

The President's Inauguration.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



STATUE OF WASHINGTON. The magnificent display which accompanied the inauguration of President McKinley on March 4th, 1901, as well as the inaugural address itself, marked the great forward step which has been taken by the United States in the family of nations during the past three years.

This remarkable epoch of history is all within the first administration of President McKinley, and was fittingly referred to in his inaugural, which breathed in every word the expansion of this great republic, and the up-lifting of humanity and patriotic principles. Nothing could give food for more thought than his references to the opposition which every forward or independent movement has met with in America since the foundation of American independence by the colonies.

In view of the great step in advance which has been made by America in this brief administration and the place which she has taken in the world's history and council of nations, the Congressional managing committee decided that this should be the grandest display of any inauguration which we have ever had, in keeping with what they believed to be the position as first among the great nations.

This perfectly proper determination to make this event creditable to the standing of the United States immediately brought down a stream of denunciation from the lower order of opposition papers. The higher class papers remained silent, but those denominated "yellow" poured out a stream of coarse invective against what they were pleased to call imperialism, and contrasted the splendor of this inauguration with the simplicity of that of Thomas Jefferson. It is a remarkable thing that these very papers which now laud Lincoln were the ones that were most vicious against his administration; and in speaking of Jefferson, there is not a single political principle which he laid down which they to-day uphold.

As a matter of plain common sense, however, the great display of the fourth of March was nothing different from what it should have been considering the greatness of this country, and was a sight long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to have viewed its several functions.

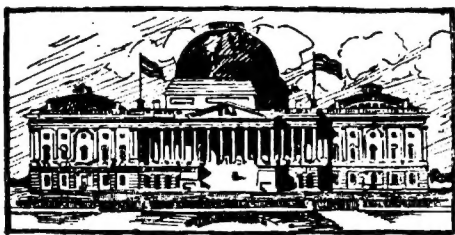
The inauguration of Thomas Jefferson has been so often spoken of, not only lately but in past years, that it deserves passing mention. When Washington was President, it is a well-known historical fact that he was greatly opposed throughout his two administrations by Jefferson, who was to follow him as President. It was claimed by the opposition of that time that Washington was seeking to be an emperor, and if his lead were followed the republic could not last but a few years, although it was greatly through his sagacity that it had been formed on the lines which it has followed for 125 years.

In his progress from Mt. Vernon to New York, where he was inaugurated with the greatest pomp and show of which the country was capable at that time, Washington rode in a state coach with six white horses, postillions, coachmen and footmen in livery. He embarked in a state barge on the Jersey side of North River and was rowed to the Battery in New York City, and in a triumphal procession, amidst the booming of cannon and the clashing of bands, he rode to a point at the corner of Broad and Wall streets, in the front of Federal Hall, which is where the present Sub-Treasury now stands. In front of this building to-day there is a colossal statue of Washington standing on the spot where he stood when he was first inaugurated as President of this country.

At that time New York was a city of 30,000 inhabitants, who all turned out and crowded around Federal Hall, which had been chosen as the Capitol at that time. For two nights the entire city was ablaze with bonfires and burning tar buckets. Washington throughout the whole dressed in the full uniform of a general of the Continental army. Never had a city of America been so gay with flags, bunting and streamers as was New York that day, and never had there been such wild demonstrations of joy.

The scenes in New York in 1789 were repeated four years later in Philadelphia, when Washington was inaugurated for a second time, and again brought down the denunciation of the opposition.

When Jefferson became President, four years later, the capitol had been removed to the spot designated on the Potomac, and now occupied by the city of Washington. The pretentious capitol building, which was burned by the British in 1812, the walls of which form the central part of the present capitol, was then in an incomplete state of building. Jefferson had



THE CAPITOL IN 1800.

resolved that no pageant should give the lie to his equality principles; and dressed in his plainest clothes, without a single attendant, he rode up the hill to the capitol, tied his horse to a fence, and without ceremony walked into the Senate Chamber and delivered an inaugural address, after which the Chief Justice of the United States administered the oath of office, and the entire ceremony was concluded before a small audience of spectators and Congress, which had assembled.

Since then the inaugurations have always been attended with more or less display, and with the growth of population and wealth, have steadily grown in magnificence; although proportionately and relatively nothing has ever approached the first inauguration of Washington.

The most exciting inauguration which has ever occurred in America was that of March 4, 1861, when in the presence of an innumerable multitude of people gathered from every part of the country, Lincoln was inaugurated, taking the oath from Chief Justice Taney, now principally remembered from his celebrated Dred Scott decision.

Lincoln had been obliged, through threats of assassination, to go into Washington unknown and disguised. During the progress of the parade, riflemen were stationed on the tops of buildings, every cross street was guarded by soldiers, and the entire line of march picketed by troops with loaded muskets. In front of the capitol was an immense mob of men filled with antagonistic feelings and all ready for an uprising. It has never been understood what prevented an explosion that day, as enemies and sympathizers, heavily armed, glared at each other throughout the proceedings; but the match that was to touch the train was not alight that day.



JEFFERSON'S SIMPLE INAUGURATION.

In point of attendance, the number that saw Grover Cleveland inaugurated as the first democratic President for 24 years was the largest. 1,000,000 people are known to have been carried into the city by converging railroads to attend this fête.

The most enthusiastic inaugurations have been those which followed the English war of 1812, the Mexican and Civil wars, and our own recent Spanish war. The newspapers have been so full of the last inauguration of President McKinley that there is little to add to what the press has already told our readers. It is estimated that the entire cost to the government

and citizens of the United States was fully \$4,000,000, and the ceremonies were the most splendid ever witnessed since the founding of the American government. There were in the line of the procession 30,000 men, a large proportion being from the regular army and navy of the United States.

As our readers well know, no avenue in the world is better adapted for a military display than Pennsylvania Avenue, leading from the White House to the capitol, more than a mile in a straight line. The avenue is so broad, being one of the widest in the world, that it gives the greatest opportunity for military display. There is not a break in the whole length, and the surface is asphalt, as smooth as a floor.

The entire length of this avenue was decorated under the supervision of a committee and for the first time was one long line of harmonious decorations. In front of the White House was the so-called Court of Honor, upon which were urns which at night threw out chemical smoke, illuminated with colored electricity, and on the sides were the reviewing stands for the President, the government and the representatives of foreign countries and the army and navy.

The procession starts from the White House, and with the President in an open carriage, marches to the capitol where time honored customs are carried out. First, the Vice President elect, who in this case was Theodore Roosevelt of New York, and who attracted equal attention with the President himself, is brought into the Senate Chamber and announced as the Vice President elect. In this case Col. Roosevelt stood behind the President's desk and had the oath administered to him by the acting Vice President Wm. P. Frye of Maine. This was before the President and all the leading dignitaries. The procession then forms in the Senate and marches to the platform on the East front of the capitol, where the Chief Justice of the United States administers the oath of office to the President after which the inaugural is read; and then with a reformed procession, which in the present case was largely made up of a second division which had not before appeared, returns to the White House.

In the evening there is given in the Pension Building, beautifully decorated for the purpose, a magnificent ball, called the Inauguration Ball. It is said that the floor will hold 5,000 people, and in the immense pressure for tickets and invitations fully 10,000 could have had admission to this entertainment. It was a tremendous crush, though no one could estimate how many people were there. For two or three days after, there were daily functions with concerts until the entire program had been carried out.

There were two or three features in the parade which attracted the attention of all observers, and added marked interest to the occasion. The President has, as a personal escort, a troop of cavalry from Cleveland, Ohio, which served in a similar capacity four years ago. They have a uniform of black trimmed with yellow, are magnificent in design, and on their splendid horses make a notable appearance. For the last time in history, the veterans of the Civil war to the number of over 1,000 marched as the escorting body of the President of the United States. The appearance of these grizzled veterans, who have held this place of honor for thirty-five years, and the knowledge that this was in all probability the last time they would take part in this particular parade, added a pathetic touch to a scene which otherwise was all joy and animation.

For the first time in our history, a battalion of colonial soldiers marched with our own army. These were Porto Rican soldiers, and the warm reception that was given them caused their eyes to shine and faces to beam throughout the line of march.

To do honor to the occasion, the foreign legations and representatives were unusually decorated and splendid in appearance. The weather was magnificent, the skies bright, and the air balmy, in the forenoon; but unfortunately rained heavily during the inaugural exercises at the capitol with such a multitude cheering as Washington has never before seen.

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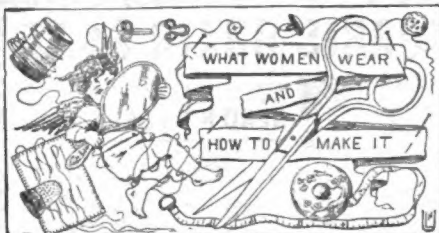
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WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

THE most pleasing feature of the present modes is the curious blending of the artistic and practical. These two elements meet on common ground, for the first time in my recollection, and even now I am convinced the tendency must be followed with caution. Listen to this: A soft summer weight cloth in delicate French gray, stitched with gray ribbon velvet several shades deeper in tone. The skirt is slightly full at the back, with the fullness at the back laid in four small box-pleats. The bolero is a most faithful replica of those worn during the '60 to '64 period, the back view revealing how it falls below the waistline, with a tiny tassel attached to each small point. Beneath this bolero a complete shirt, or Garibaldi, as it was called so long ago, is worn, of soft muslin, stitched and enhanced with lace, the full, puffed sleeves appearing beyond the bell-shaped ones of cloth.

The golfing girl is a great personage in our midst and has been pursuing her approved form of pleasure the whole winter through, whenever the snow disappeared enough to allow her. The red golf coat is her right and lawful possession, and is just now most correctly fashioned sacque wise, and is not too long. It is to be remarked that the prevailing fancy is for a coat falling well over the hips, with a close fitting back and semi-fitting, single-breasted front. A double-breasted front does not hang well when left unclosed. Skirts are very seldom now bound with leather. There is really so little necessity for such stringent measures, and the friction of the leather against the boots is sadly demoralizing to the latter.

One exceedingly sensible coat I have encountered, buttoned in semi-double fashion up to the base of the throat, where it was met by a velvet turn-over collar, just enough space being left to show a small knotted tie. And when required the fronts could be thrown back to form lapels, this particular coat showing facings of butcher-blue linen. The material of the suit was dark blue covert coating.

The season's new materials are simply lovely, and surpass far and away anything ever attempted before. Silk crepe leads the way together with crepe voiles soft clinging, adorable fabrics that promise classical draperies. The high lights, the shadows generally of these silken weaves must be seen to be appreciated. Pastel tints prevail. In addition to the biscuit are French and hearth-stone grey, lime greens, and above all, Wedgwood. For Wedgwood, be it known, is the color of the hour, and so cleverly are the shades graduated, subdued or strengthened as required, nearly all will be able to find a shade becoming. Royal blue is also highly in favor. In many cases these crepes are embroidered with fancy spots, at times large and far apart, and again small and close together; but always and ever they are irresistible.

Under the heading of crepes come beiges and grenadines. Over these last named materials a fancy pattern takes the form of a waved feathery effect termed "fantail". All sorts of waved patterns obtain largely. A black stripe, half an inch wide, bordered either side with a pinline of white, waving lengthwise down a fine gray grenadine was made over a blue taffeta foundation, and the result was delightfully chic.

The new satin-faced cashmere is a most worthy production, though indeed it is hardly new as we had it last year although we then declined to be tempted by it. However, this season a different tale is to be told, as cashmere has come to take its place in the first ranks of fashionable foibles.

Just now the number three seems to be magical. On everything we find trimmings in clusters of three. One finds three crosswise folds, three revers, three little cuffs, etc. The triple alliance is immensely impressive in its decorative influence, and once the notion is portrayed in any one detail it is carried out throughout the entire costume.

As I have said before, the fashionable skirt no longer rustles. Dame Fashion has turned against her former favorite and declines to allow a rustling skirt lining under any pretext. Satin is an ideal lining for those who can afford it and cashmere, too, finds favor in the eyes of the

many. Other materials suggest themselves, but the maxim to be borne in mind is, "Take heed, lest ye rustle."

The newest French hats are soft and flapping, and very broad of brim. They are to be worn low over the face and trimmed quite flat, the favorite mode being a single long plume so arranged as to encircle the low crown and leave an end to drop over the brim at the side of the back.

With the simple muslin gown comes the wide sash of softest ribbon or silk. This is brought round the waist and arranged in a loose bow with long ends at the back, fringe often adorning the ends. Speaking of simple muslin frocks brings to notice the return of young girls to the simplicity of dress worn by their grandmothers for dressy functions. Nothing



is more in favor than frocks of white mull daintily trimmed with narrow laces and fine handwork, the whole appearance being severely simple.

Chenille scarfs of very open mesh and quite deep fringe are quite the latest cry. They achieve an unparalleled success worn round the neck with loosely hanging ends in front. The bow of tulle worn at the back of the neck is still wonderfully popular and most becoming to all youthful faces, its misty folds adding, as it does, a bloom to the complexion. I am delighted to note the return of maltese lace, its silky surface and beautiful design making it a queen among laces. A good many people possess handkerchiefs with deep maltese borders. How to transform them into something which shall be of service and yet show off the beauties of the lace is the question. To cut costly laces is always a pity, but occasionally unavoidable, wherefore the question arises, how to cut to the best advantage. One way is exactly as we do with the silk Bandanna so lately in vogue; cut diagonally from corner to corner, and use the triangular pieces as epaulettes over the shoulders of a sleeveless evening bodice, or arrange as bolero fronts.

Petticoats are as extravagant as the gowns which cover them and require a whole chapter to themselves. Suffice it to say the colored silk petticoat is awfully passe for street wear.

Challies are wonderfully attractive this season and combine economy with beauty. A smart gown of this material in a bright shade of deep blue has the skirt elaborately stitched in waved lines about the hem, and the fullness at the waist set in small tucks, while the bodice is pouched a little and opens over a shirt of tacked muslin and lace, and the shoulders adorned with a large collar of val. lace mounted on a tiny foundation of muslin and run with rows of bebe black ribbon velvet. The sleeves bell a little over full puffs of muslin drawn into close wristbands stitched with bebe velvet.

In parlors this season there is a marked predilection for bright, self-colored silks with handles similarly tinted surmounted by great balls of crystal. The last named ornamentation is carrying all before it, and pushing quite to one side the recently prevailing ornithological specimens.

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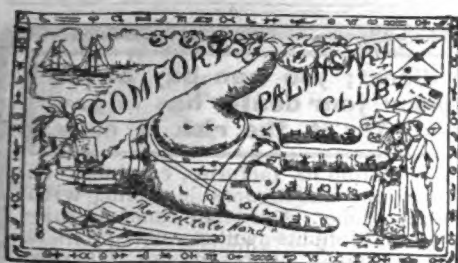
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So many questions have come to me about Cheiro, the greatest living Palmist, who wrote COMFORT'S Hand-book on Palmistry issued some years ago, that I have decided to tell you something about him. Many ask for his address. He is at present in Paris, but he travels about so much that by the time this article appears he may be in Egypt or Hindustan.

Cheiro is an Englishman who studied palmistry in India, with the most expert professors of the science in the world. I will give you his method of reading because it will help all who are trying to read hands.

He begins with the outward shape of the hand, the thumb and fingers, and then takes up the various lines, mounts and other marks on the palm of the hand. He tells you whether the fingers are square, conical, spatulated or pointed; he talks about your mounts of Venus, Jupiter, Apollo and Saturn and he tells you what type of hand yours is. By noting the temperature of your palm he tells you the state of your health. If it be cool, soft and even to the touch then your system is in a healthy condition, but the cold damp palm foretells liver trouble and the dry, cool palm an excited condition of the nervous system. Then comes a study of the heart, head and life lines, which never fails to interest both men and women.

Although most palmists choose the left hand Cheiro uses both the right and left hands, arguing that the left shows what we are born with and the right what we have made ourselves. When the left hand shows greater regularity than the right then it is concluded that the person is more passive than active and will succeed better in what he directs some one else to do than in what he undertakes himself. On the other hand, those who have the finest lines on their right palm must hope for nothing by chance or luck because they will succeed only through their own efforts.

He not only knows every marked line in your hand at a swift glance, but is deciding as to your temperament from the sound of your voice, your character from the look of your eye, your taste from the style of your dress and making a score of rapid observations before you realize that he has had more than time to ask in what month you were born. He is remarkably observing and quick witted and these qualities, combined with a wonderful command of the English language, have made a success in the profession he has chosen as his life work.

"There's really nothing phenomenal about my reading people's hands!" he says. "Anybody can do it; all you need is to study the subject under a good teacher or from a thorough reading of books."

Cheiro starts back with the Bible, where you remember in Job is written, "God set signs and seals on men's palms that they might be read by all men;" you'll find that the hand is used throughout the Bible to express truth. Palmistry is very, very old, although it is only within recent years that it has received such marked encouragement from society. Why, divination by the forms and tokens of the hand attracted the attention of Plato, Aristotle and other ancient writers. The hand portrays the character even more clearly than the face; it is the very key to one's soul and yet the most

beautiful hand does not indicate that its owner has a beautiful or ideal character. Take for instance a type of hand which I often see. It is symmetrically formed, delicate, with smooth, tightly-drawn skin, tapering fingers, narrow finger nails and thin in the palm. The characteristics which this hand shows are fickleness, a disposition to tease until she tires a friend out to get what she wants and then she will likely discard it. She is not ambitious, but rather lazy and indolent, and tightly drawn skin shows lack of sensitiveness.

I have only one hand to read this month and that belongs to H. 28 M. who sends some smoked paper impressions. His hand indicates great strength of character and self-control, although he is rather lacking in self-reliance and perseverance. He has an upright, honorable disposition and would not willingly injure any one, but he needs to cultivate perseverance and learn to depend upon his own judgment more. He is a hard working man, faithful and honest and can be relied upon to do his best whatever work he may take up. He will, however, do better if guided and directed by others than he will to try to manage a business by himself. That is, he will make a better servant than master. He has the star on his thumb, which is always a lucky sign, but I do not see any indications of great riches. Some serious trouble pertaining to the affections will come into his life, not far from the age of thirty and will cause him a great deal of sorrow. I think there will be some scandal connected with this affair. He will travel somewhat, and will always have the respect of his fellow-citizens.

This subject has a very large thumb, as will be noticed. The ancient authorities, D'Arpentigny and Desbarrolles, used to make a great deal of this. The former said: "The hand denotes the superior animal while the thumb individualizes the man." The above subject has a strong will but lacks a little in tact and reasoning power. In reality, you may always look to the thumb to emphasize or weaken the force of signs found in the palm or on the fingers. Large thumb people are governed by their heads while small, weak-thumb folk are guided only by their hearts.

With a large thumb you will be independent and self-reliant, rather inclined to "boss"—or govern those around you arbitrarily. With a small thumb you will rely on others and lack self-confidence.

A thumb that cannot be separated far from the hand indicates a stubborn and a close-fisted secretive nature while one that bends far back shows a pliant disposition, ready to please others and be pleased by them.

In reading a hand, therefore, examine the thumb carefully and note well its shape, size, consistency and quality; notice whether the second phalanx is thick, denoting lack of tact or "waisted" and tapering giving tact and kindness. A poet or an artist usually has a small thumb with smooth conical fingers, while a scientific man will have square, knotted fingers and a large thumb.

I received a special word from Cheiro for the beginning of the New Century, and with it a finely conceived picture of Cheiro in his "den," being consulted by old "Father Time" for a forecast of the twentieth Century. On the back was a poem by Cheiro, from which the following is taken:

"I come with anxious heart, that I may hear My children's welfare for the coming year. Search, student, then, within my hand, and see The warp and web of things that yet may be. The toil increases with the trend of years; The day brings darkness, and the night-time fears; The whirl of wheels but weave the workers' doom. The shroud of death spreads swiftly on each loom. My children call me with a thousand cries, 'Neath Arctic darkness, and 'neath sunlit skies; The New Year breaks, then search thou well, and see The warp and web of things that yet may be."

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Its first manager was one Demetrius Phalereus, a banished Athenian, and even in his day the library had a number of volumes or rolls amounting to fifty thousand. This number was increased to six hundred thousand in the days of Apollonius Rhodius and other noted and learned Egyptians. This library included the literature of Greece, Rome, India and Egypt, and it was a great loss to the world when a part of it was destroyed by fire during the siege of Alexandria by Julius Caesar. It was partly replaced by the collection of Pergamum which was presented to Cleopatra by Mark Antony. The entire library was destroyed by a mob of frantic Christians led on by the archbishop Theophilus about the year 391 A. D.

The history of the library in America dates back to the year 1621 when the first library foundation was established through a benefaction, on the part of an unknown person in London, to the Henric college organized by the colonists of Jamestown, Virginia. This gift was composed of "a small Bible with a cover richly wrought; a great church Bible; the Booke of Common Prayer; S. Augustine De Civitate Dei; Master Perkins, his works; and an exact map of America." A few other volumes were added during the year but on March 22nd, 1622 the torch and the tomahawk of the red man descended upon Jamestown and the infantile library passed out of existence. The next attempt at the formation of a library in America was in 1638 at Harvard College. This library grew so slowly that a century and a quarter after its formation it had but 5000 volumes and they were all destroyed by fire in the year 1764. There had, however, been formed in Philadelphia the nucleus of the "Philadelphia Library Company," an organization still in existence. It had its origin in a debating society of which Benjamin Franklin was one of the founders and which he called the "Mother of all the North American subscription Libraries."

The first building erected in the United States to be devoted to the uses of a public library was that of the Loganian library which was the gift of James Logan to the city of Philadelphia and stood in Sixth street between Chestnut and Walnut streets.

This building was built in 1745-50. A circulating library was established in Boston in the

year 1765 by one John Mein, a dealer in books, and this was probably the beginning of the circulating library in America.

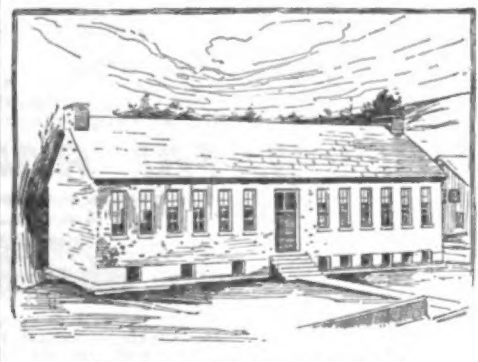
But this article has to do chiefly with the first public library established and supported by direct taxation. From the first authentic records it appears that to the little town of Peterboro, New Hampshire, belongs the distinction of having established the first free public library. From a well written history of the town we learn that—

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The Commissioner of Education at Washington, writing on the first free library in a letter to a resident of Peterboro, on August 7, 1875, says:

"The first free public library supported and aided by taxation, of which this bureau has any account, was established at Wayland, Mass., and was opened to the public in August, 1850; the second, at New Bedford, Mass., was opened in March, 1853. If the Peterboro Town Library was opened to the public prior to 1850, whether supported by municipal taxation or by the income of invested bonds, it furnishes the first example of a free library, and we shall be



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This seems to make it clear that the free public library had its beginning in America, in the town of Peterboro, and it deserves full credit for having inaugurated so praiseworthy an en-

terprise. The present building is a most substantial affair not so old as its style of architecture would indicate. The New England village and rural population read a great deal and some of the smallest of New England towns have remarkably good libraries and library buildings. They are usually the gift of some former resident to the town, and it is certain that they have much to do with the increased standard of intelligence in the towns in which they are located.

IRRIGATION IN ITALY.

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THROUGH the assassination of King Humbert of Italy, the poor people of that historic land lost a conscientious friend. Although Rome, and later Italy, have supported many tyrants who have trampled upon the necks of the people as upon worms, others of its rulers, King Humbert among the number, have had the good of the peasants

thoroughly at heart and have endeavored to improve and ameliorate their condition. Especially notable as a means to this end have been the irrigation works of Italy, largely undertaken and fostered by her successive monarchs and ministries.

The early Romans were careful irrigators and Italy is known in history as the classic land of irrigation, although it is not believed that any large irrigation systems or great canals were constructed until in comparatively recent times. As in the Far East, springs, wells and small streams, easily diverted from their channels, were the sources of supply; but in the last few centuries Italy has developed some magnificent irrigation systems. In the districts of Piedmont and Lombardy hundreds of thousands of poor people have found relief and comfort through the revivifying influence of water, great tracts of marsh and waste land having been reclaimed to irrigation. Nothing could be more striking than the contrast between some of the irrigated and the unirrigated districts. Many of the former are among the most densely populated regions of Europe. Their soils have received just the element needed to call forth their inherent powers, and instead of arid wastes and extensive marshes, corn-fields, rice grounds, flax-fields and green meadows producing wonderful crops, cover the face of

the country, with prosperous farms and cottages surrounded by the vine and the fig, and inhabited by happy families. It is only necessary to compare the present condition of the provinces where irrigation exists with their destitute past to see the good which a wise government policy has wrought for the people. Nearly six hundred years have been required to perfect the splendid canal system of Piedmont, and to change its once arid wastes and dreary marshes into sheets of cultivation. The moral presents itself that to irrigators in the United States, who are but beginning this work; they may have cheerful hearts in sight of what has already been accomplished in this country by private capital in a fiftieth part of the time.

The late King always evinced a particular interest in the irrigation work of the State and in the possibilities of rural improvement through water reclamation. While about seven million acres of land in Italy are already under irrigation, this is by no means all the land subject to reclamation, and projects are now on foot for additional development, the possibilities of which are very great. The great government-irrigating canals in Italy have a length of over 140 miles and the vast network of distributing channels aggregate a total length of something over 4,000 miles.

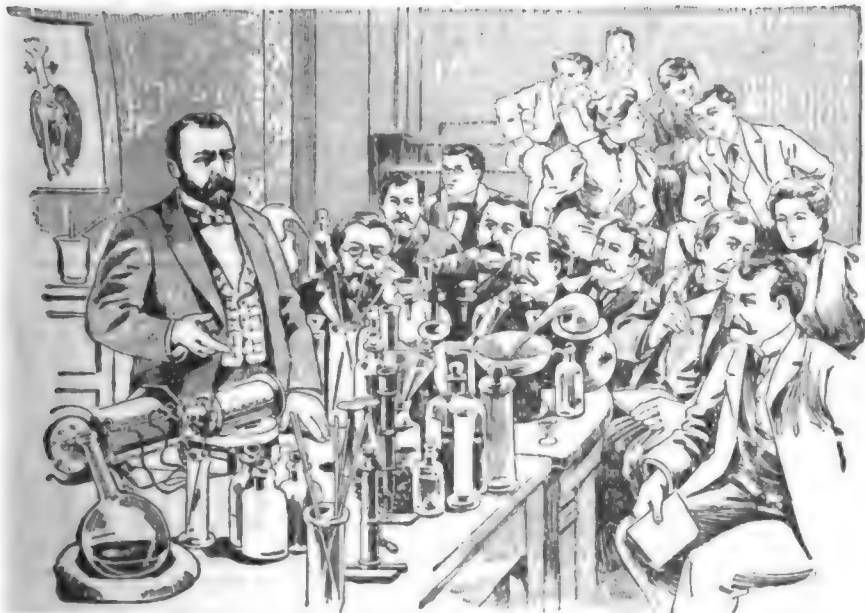
It is understood that the new King, Victor Emmanuel III, will devote himself largely to internal improvements, first breaking away from the staggering expense to the State of foreign entanglements and alliances.

Italian history contains many interesting accounts of wars and strifes over the sources of irrigation during the days of feudalism and of conflicts with foreign nations. An interesting incident is told of the temporary destruction and immediate repair of the Naviglio Martesana, the large canal of Milan. During the last century, owing to excessive pressure, about 800 feet of the channel near Milan was carried away, cutting off the water supply of the city, and, occurring in April just as the demand for irrigation was commencing, it necessitated the utmost energy to complete the repairs in time to save the great crop dependent upon its waters. It was considered necessary, among other things, to replace the ancient earthen embankment by a vast retaining wall of brick masonry. The government acted with great vigor and the work was successful, six weeks of tremendous effort sufficing for its completion. At such times the people of irrigated countries appreciate the exertions of their governments. When the British government in India reopened the Delhi canal, great courses of people accompanied the waters as they passed slowly along through the new channel—flowers were thrown into the stream, and the multitudes loudly expressed their joy, and welcomed with glad cheers the sight of the long desired waters. Similarly the inhabitants of Milan collected in vast numbers along the banks of the Canal Martesana upon its reopening, and cheer after cheer arose as the waters poured past. All classes and parties joined in bestowing the highest praise upon the engineers and the Administration, for their energy had saved the crops of the year.

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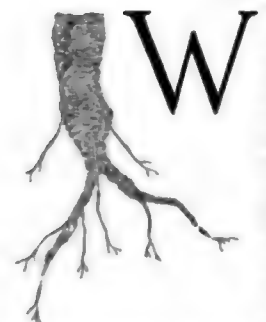
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For over a hundred years this country has been exporting ginseng root to China, and in that time the amount of money which has been sent back from the Flowery Kingdom to America for this humble product has been over twenty-five millions of dollars. As long ago as 1822 over seven hundred thousand pounds of ginseng root were shipped to China from this country. The value of that was only \$314,000. Since then the quantity of root shipped has grown less, and the price has increased as the root has grown scarcer. In 1899 about one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds were shipped, and the value was about \$600,000. This year there is practically no foreign demand for it, and consequently the "sang" diggers, as they are called in the mountain regions of the Southern states, are out of a job. People who know the trade well, though, say that the Chinese people will not live without the root, even if it should have to be smuggled into the empire, and that as there will eventually be a demand for it again, it will be a good investment to buy now while the price is low, and hold for demand.

Ginseng root of good quality is usually rather brittle. It comes in pieces about the size of one's little finger, and from two to four inches in length. Frequently the root is forked, and as it is an uneven, knotted root, it requires no great effort of the imagination to find in many pieces a resemblance to the body of a man. It was probably this resemblance which first

caused the Chinese to call it by a name which means "man-wort," and to believe that it has the power to preserve youth and strength. Certainly American and European chemists and physicians, after the most exhaustive experiments, have been unable to detect in the root any remarkable medicinal properties which would in any way justify the extravagant prices which the Chinese are willing to pay for it. Its weight in gold is a regular price in China, and often an extra fine piece sells for much more than that. The root when dried by the ordinary process is of a yellowish white color, with a mucilaginous sweetness resembling licorice, accompanied by a slight aromatic bitterness.

Ginseng is a native of Asia as well as America. At one time that gathered in Manchuria was thought to be the best, but this became so scarce that an imperial edict was issued forbidding it to be dug. That brought from Korea is now prized most highly. At one time, at least, if not now, all the ginseng collected in China was imperial property, and was sold to the dealers in it at its weight in gold. The root is prepared in China by soaking it for three days in water in which rice has been boiled twice. The root is then suspended over the fire in a closed vessel and dried. If it is of good quality this process should leave it hard, resinous and translucent. Extra fine pieces have been known to sell as high as \$400 an ounce, or even higher. A man who traveled in China extensively some years ago describes the stock of a ginseng merchant as follows: "Opening a large outer box the merchant removed several paper parcels which seemed to fill the box. Under them was a smaller box, and when this was taken out the rest of the box was seen to be filled with similar parcels. These he said contained quicklime, for the purpose of absorbing moisture and keeping the boxes quite dry. The small box which contained the ginseng was lined with sheet lead. Inside this were several small boxes covered and lined with silk. In each was one piece of the root, and each, according to its quality, was wrapped in embroidered silk, plain silk, cotton or paper. When the merchant would take up a piece of the root to show it off, and to discard upon its wonderful merits, he would beg the visitor not to handle it or to breathe upon it.

The Chinese have a custom of sending a piece of ginseng root to a very dear friend as the present which shall be a token of the highest esteem. In such cases there is usually sent with it a double kettle in which to prepare it. The inner one of these kettles is made of silver. The outer one is of copper. One fits into the other with a space between to hold water. The silver

kettle has a cover depressed so as to form a cup. In this cup rice is placed with a little water. The ginseng root is placed in the silver kettle, with water. Finally a cover is put over the whole affair and it is placed over a fire. When the rice is cooked the medicine is ready. The patient eats the rice and drinks the ginseng tea at the same time. The proper dose of the root is supposed to be from sixty to ninety grains. The medicine is taken in the morning, before breakfast, for from three to eight days in succession, and sometimes is also taken at night. While it is being taken tea drinking is forbidden.

Ginseng is a plant of the genus Araliaceae. The botanical name of the American species is *Panax quinquefolium*, the last name meaning "five-leaved," because the leaves are divided into five. It is an interesting coincidence that in the language of the Iroquois Indians the name of the plant is *garentoquen*, a word the significance of which is much like that of the Chinese name. The plant grows all through the eastern part of the United States and Canada, but it is usually found in profitable quantities only in a sandy soil in rather deep woods. Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia furnish large quantities, and in these states the typical "sang digger" is to be seen at his best. During the Civil War so many men went to fight that the industry was neglected so that in four years the plant made great increase in productivity. Every state east of the Mississippi river contributes to the crop, but the bulk comes from the mountainous middle Atlantic region. Japan and Russia also export the drug, although there is a rather large domestic demand for it in Japan.

The high price which the root will fetch has led to many efforts being made to cultivate it, but as a general thing these have not been very successful. It is cultivated in both Japan and Russia, but it is said that the cultivated root is not thought to have so much efficacy as the wild. A man living in Missouri, after experiments covering ten years, has been very successful in the culture, and there is so much demand for roots and seeds for cultivation from others who wish to try the experiment that he has realized a handsome return from his garden since it came to bearing. The ordinary price for the roots is about twenty cents each. Ginseng is an unattractive plant to look at. It grows about two feet tall, and branches awkwardly. Each branch bears near the five leaves, and then a few inches above them, a cluster of berries. Each berry contains only two or three seeds. The plant does not come into fruit until it is two years old and the seeds are so few that they also sell at a high price to people who wish to cultivate the plant.

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SOME new and very strange uses have been found for the curd which forms when milk sours. The forming of the curd is accelerated by adding a little acid to the milk, whereupon the chemist takes it and washes it in water to remove the acid. Thus prepared it is nothing more nor less than pure caseine, and when dried it appears as a white powdery substance.

This substance is subjected to manipulation in curious ways. Of late it has been utilized in the production of various articles of diet. An alkali being added, it is used to thicken soups, and as a substitute for eggs, being specially popular among vegetarians when thus employed, because it furnishes "body" to dishes lacking meat. In lieu of eggs, it serves as an ingredient of custards, puddings, etc. Indeed, prepared in solution for cooking, it appears to have somewhat the same properties as white-of-egg.

Dissolved in borax, the powdered milk-curd makes an excellent glue, and, when mixed with a little quicklime and water, it furnishes a first-rate cement for mending china. Otherwise prepared, it serves as a mordant in dyeing, and it is also used to give a waterproof coating to artificial leather. Compressed by hydraulic power, it is employed as a substitute for celluloid in the manufacture of buttons, combs, brushes, and various other such articles, and it is even said that before long satisfactory billiard-balls of milk-curd will be on the market.

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Why not import the Chinese and solve the domestic problem? They are said to be admirable servants. A removal of the exclusion act might solve the problem of how and where to get assistance in the domestic line.

Why does the public persist in "roasting" poor Alfred Austin every time he drops into poetry? The Poet Laureate gets about \$500 per year yet every time he commences working at his job he is met with a howl of derision. Let the laborer be worthy of his hire.

A high city official of Brooklyn—the Registrar—has given a lesson to those holding valuable public positions. The fees of his office over and above the salary have amounted to nearly \$50,000. This sum he proposes to return to the tax payers by erecting a statue of Washington. The statue will be modelled after the famous equestrian one in the city of Washington. The official claims that he has made the fees as small as the law allowed, and in spite of this fact has that sum of money on hand. The fact illustrates a feeling rare enough in those holding lucrative positions, but at the same time the statue will suggest a possible field for economy in the administration of public affairs.

Around the World in Eighty Days! Who does not recall the sensation that the book containing that startling possibility made? To encircle this globe in that brief time seemed the dream of a popular romancer rather than a feat capable of accomplishment. Some few years ago, a newspaper and a magazine sent two young women on a globe encircling tour to demonstrate that the feat was possible. In a few years such an attempt will belong in fact and possibility to a past century. It will be possible to circle the world in one calendar month. The Trans-Siberian railroad will be completed about 1904. In twelve days it will be possible to travel from London to the waters of the Pacific. The time may even be less than that. No transportation plans since the Union Pacific crossed our own nation have offered such possibilities in the way of changing distance records.

One success in a literary way seems to bring a deluge of books that just stop short of proving that imitation is the sincerest flattery. "Everybody" has been reading Elizabeth and Her German Garden. The book was a charmingly natural and loving view of Nature as shown in the garden. Books containing garden experiences have filled the advertising pages of publishing houses. The whole movement, artistic, literary and practical is a sincere expression of the great love for plants, flowers and birds, for the poetry of nature that marks the reaction from the love of city life. It is a healthful and hopeful sign. Such an interest is an antidote against the hurry and turmoil of the age. Nature teaches patience. Her results are slow. The man or woman who is fond enough of a garden to observe carefully the slow unfolding of leaf, bud and fruit must gain an insight into better conditions of living. Even those who make their garden observations through books may gain somewhat of the lesson of gradual development and patience.

Mr. Carnegie's continued gift of libraries shows no decrease. It is astonishing to reflect that the public library system of the United States is but little more than ten years old. The growth of libraries and the enormous output of the publishers show that we are fast be-

coming the reading nation of the earth. The traveling library is the one however that meets the demand of the people who live in the country. It is there on the farm that the need of a library is most felt. The states are slow to give aid in this matter but wherever it has been tried it has met with the greatest success. One of the latest developments in subscription libraries has been a great success through its plan to bring the book to the reader. An agent calls at each house and delivers the book which the subscriber may desire. The books are all new; as soon as a volume shows wear it is replaced by a fresh one. One book a week is allowed on a subscription of five dollars per annum. Mr. Carnegie might increase the effect of his princely giving by establishing traveling libraries on the pledge of a state to maintain them.

A scientist claims to have made the discovery that electricity causes an increase in the deposits of fat. The experiment was made upon a number of pigs. A number of the same age and weight were selected to demonstrate the fact. A part of them were placed in cages or boxes surrounded by electric wires while the other portion were confined in similar cages minus the wires. The same food was given to all. The electric pigs grow fat and fatter and left their non electric colleagues far behind in the attainment of the ambition of a pig-fat. This seems to demonstrate a most alarming scientific possibility. The world is strung and crisscrossed with "live" wires. The very ground is full of the currents. Are we to become a race of Jumbos as electricity progresses in its alarming development? The heavy weights who watch the scales each week with anxious eyes and see the record climb steadily higher will have to reckon with this new mysterious force. In addition to Vichy and Kissingin and all the other "anti-fat" and "cure for obesity" remedies they will have to plan for clothing that shall be non-conductive. Glass is really made into cloth and a complete suit of this might act as a non-conductor and nullify the fattening power of the electricity.

A society has recently been formed for the preservation of historical and scenic landmarks. The Palisades of the Hudson were threatened with destruction and through the efforts of some of the members of this society they have been preserved. Scenes of natural beauty appeal to all, but the rapid growth of towns with industrial demands often threatens the extinction of natural beauties. We are rich in beautiful natural features and if the public attention is aroused these will be preserved. Our historic landmarks are fewer. Old buildings yield to the demands of modern buildings. No more worthy method of arousing patriotism could be found than the preservation of buildings and places connected with our early history. The various Revolutionary societies have done much commendable work in stimulating public interest in historic buildings and sites. A list of all the tablets and monuments placed to commemorate events would make an astonishing showing. There needs, however, to be state and national effort in this direction. Many buildings by reason of occupying expensive sites, are of too great value to be purchased by societies. It is planned to organize branches of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks in all the states. The idea is a practical one and should meet with support.

On the 31st of January 1801, John Adams appointed John Marshall as Chief Justice of the United States and on Feb. 4, 1801, Marshall took the oath of office for the position which he held with such distinction for thirty-four years. The one hundredth anniversary of this event was celebrated throughout the length and breadth of the United States. Bench and Bar wrote to show honor to the man who ranks as one of the foremost jurists of the world and to whom more than any other one man the United States owes its strong central government. The value of John Marshall's services to the Nation as an interpreter of the Constitution were so correct that his other distinguished public services are nearly overlooked. As a soldier in the Revolutionary army, as an advocate of the adoption of the Constitution, as a member of the Virginia Legislature and as envoy to France he performed services enough to distinguish one man. At the time that he assumed the high duties of Chief Justice of the United States the country had existed but twelve years under the Constitution. Whether that Constitution made provisions for a government strong enough to exercise power necessary for the establishment of national unity as opposed to separate and individual states was a mooted question. His services in the Congress of the United States and as John Adams' Secretary of State had shown Marshall the necessity of a strong central government. The tenor of each of the important decisions of the Supreme Court during his incumbency was to strengthen the power of the United States. He made decisions upon questions which were new so that precedent could not be used as a guide. He blazed the path along which Constitutional lawyers have since traveled. Chief Justice Marshall was not a man of great learning or erudition but he possessed in the most remarkable degree the legal mind. His decisions

were so clear, so concise, so seemingly inevitable after he had demonstrated the line of reasoning that led to the conclusion, that they form the basis of American Constitutional Law. He gave life, vigor, strength, meaning to what might have been an ineffective formula. The whole nation honors the anniversary of his entering upon a work as important as that of the framers of the Constitution or the defenders of the Union.

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WITH the waning of popularity of the bicycle in this country, says a well known authority, there comes in its place another form of outdoor sport which gives promise of becoming just as popular as wheeling. Although comparatively new, the motor tricycle has already gained a foothold in this country and before another year the choo-choo of the three-wheeler will become as familiar as the singing of the wind through the spokes of the old ordinary someter or twelve years ago. Automobiles were the opening wedge and following close on their rear wheels comes the three-wheeled machine that comes as close to cycling as anything could well be. In France and England the new vehicles are now a common sight. The French in particular are just as enthusiastic as they ever were over the bicycle and that is saying a good deal. They ramp and tear across country on tricycles at a pace that vies with the speed of the express trains, while



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on the race tracks the motor events are just as popular as the bicycle races. Over in England good old "has been" are having a new lease on life and the race-going public is treated to the sight of their old cycling champions once more straining every nerve to cross the tape first. In this country the Eastern cities were the first ones invaded.

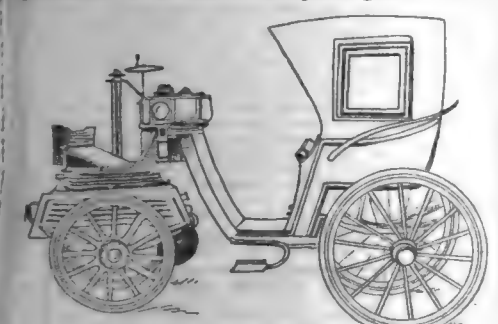
Boston can be safely said to be the real center of the new sport and in the Hub the motorists are increasing in numbers, at the same time the best three-wheeled machines are now made by the same firms that supplied that favorite bicycle—The Columbia.

From a mechanical standpoint the 1901 bicycle now is more like those of early cycling days than any which have been held in recent years. This year master mechanics of the various factories seemed to have vied with each other to produce not only good bicycles, but distinctive models; consequently improvement is the order of the day. Chainless bicycles seem to have the call, and the manner into which they have sprung into popular favor, must prove a source of no little pride to pioneer champions of the bevel gears.

It will be of interest to know that a list of leading make of wheels includes one hundred and fourteen separate and distinct models of bicycles, which will be catalogued in 1901. This number could be swelled materially if the various options which are given to purchasers were also included. But the number above stated includes only the regular wheels of the various lines with their regular catalogue equipments.

The jobbing and parts sales department of the American Bicycle Company exhibits a large line of complete saddles, pedals, chains, steel balls and component parts of bicycles, also automobile chains and steel vehicle and automobile rims. Special attention is directed to the detachable automobile chain, an ingenious device which enables the automobilist to quickly repair his chain on the road, and with tools at hand. Another novelty is the connecting link for quick bicycle chain repair, doing away with the chain bolt and nut, or it can also be used for increasing the length of the chain when desired.

The chief points of advantage in one of the steam automobiles shown are its substantial construction, large power and great all around capacity. It is equipped with a water tube boiler of novel and ingenious design, a six and one-quarter horsepower engine, a nine gallon gasoline tank and a thirty-six gallon water



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tank. This great power, fuel and water capacity makes it possible to drive the carriage at a high rate of speed for a great distance before fresh supplies are necessary. It is also equipped with an auxiliary water pump, situated at the base of the steering handle, which, in case of possible failure of the regular pump to work, enables the operator to keep up the boiler sup-

ply without leaving the seat and without undue inconvenience. The mechanism is simplified by the introduction of a throttle and reversing lever combined in one, which is of advantage to the operator in case of emergency, as the carriage can be reversed instantly by one motion.

It may not be generally known that the first bicycle inventor was Hiram Maxim, the man who afterwards became famous as the inventor of the Maxim gun.

When the Maxims lived in Sangerville, Maine, they were poor. Hiram was such a bad boy that the neighbors wouldn't allow their children to have anything to do with him, and he was taken early from the village school, for which he had little love, and apprenticed to a painter. While he worked for the painter Hiram was "eternally tinkering" with old wheels and things, and the painter soon got tired of him. He rigged up from two wagon wheels and some other truck that he found under the paint shop what is supposed to have been the first safety bicycle ever built, and upon this crude machine he raced down the steep hills of Sangerville at a speed that threatened his own life and the safety of anybody or anything that he might meet in the road.

One day he ran into an old farmer, wrecking the latter's wagon and making a general smash-up, whereupon the farmer gave him a licking that lasted him a month and also took a fence rail and broke the "bicycle" to smithereens. That settled Hiram Maxim's experiments in the bicycle line, although he declares to this day that his first machine embodied all the salient features of the twentieth century wheel.

The idea of the machine gun was not original with Hiram Maxim, having been a pet dream of his father's for years before Hiram was able to butter his own bread. The elder Maxim, however, lacked the mechanical skill to carry his ideas into effect, and it remained for his son to perfect the gun and reap the fortune and fame that came from it. When he had finished his first model he was without money, and he borrowed \$100 from a friend to enable him to take the model to Washington. He received no encouragement from our own government, but in Europe he won fame and fortune, as everybody knows. He came home a millionaire, and paid back the \$100 with big interest.

Notwithstanding the diversity of opinion, I feel justified in making the broad statement that the bicycle has emancipated woman, revolutionized her dress and made possible the longest strides in evolution ever taken by her.

The bicycle found woman shut in on all sides by conventionalities; nervous and fretting under restraint she knew not how to throw off; longing for the freedom allowed her brothers, but hampered by race conditions in direct opposition; suffering from inertia and its attending ills brought on by sedentary employment and lack of proper, pleasant exercise.

Every woman, whether she rides or not, should rise up and call the bicycle blessed when she thinks of what the bicycle has done. She can now go out in the rain or attend to her shopping in a dress which a few years ago she would not have worn in the privacy of her own home. It has reduced the summer outfit for seaside or mountains to a minimum, for at some of the most fashionable resorts it is the proper dress for all day and every day until evening. Judged from an economic standpoint it is an extremely important factor, when compared with the old time work and worry incident to the preparation for a summer's outing.

Lastly, the bicycle has brought woman nearer to nature than she could ever otherwise have been brought, and to what purer source could she go for life's lessons and pastimes? Surely, in no college or school could there be found a larger and more varied curriculum than nature offers to those who will but look and listen.

No thinking woman can return from a ride in the country without feeling that it is grand to live, that the sweet odors, pure air and quiet have made her better able to again take up life's tangled skeins, which but for this brief respite would seem well-nigh impossible.

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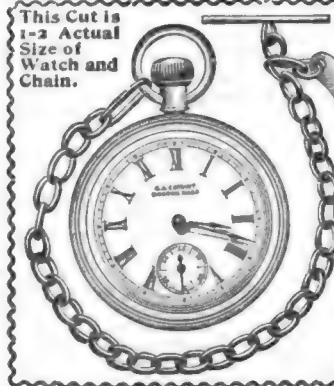


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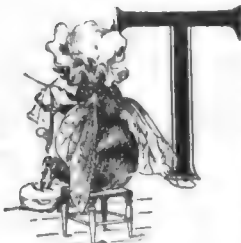
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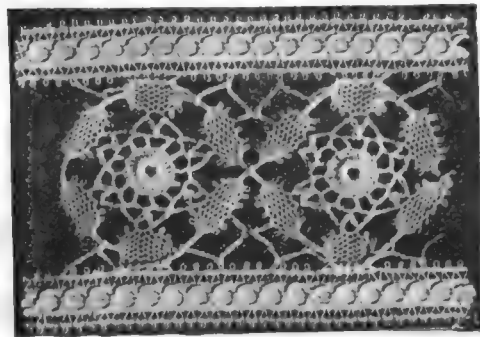


HE continued call for patterns for crochet work leads us to use some illustrations and descriptions which will be new to some of our readers, and therefore all the more acceptable.

You will see by the illustrations that crochet novelty braid is used. It can be found at all the dry goods stores. No. 30 Coates' thread is used to connect the braids. For the center use braid which has the oblong figure in it. For the outside use straight that has loops on the edge.

For the center, fasten 6 of the oblong parts together at right angles as shown in illustration. Repeat until you have the length desired. With your thread wind around the smallest sized lead pencil which measures five eighths of an inch around it, or make a stick this size; wind the thread ten times, slip off and hold between the thumb and fore finger of left hand and crochet 24tr. join. Around this make 3ch. 1tr. until you have gone around the ring. You should have 12 of the loops. Around these loops make 3ch., join to third loop in oval, 3ch. join to 3ch., 3ch. join to fourth loop, 3ch. join to 3ch.; repeat until you have joined to all the six ovals. Leave three inches of thread and sew fast with needle.

To connect the outside braid, fasten the thread in loop of straight braid, make 6ch,



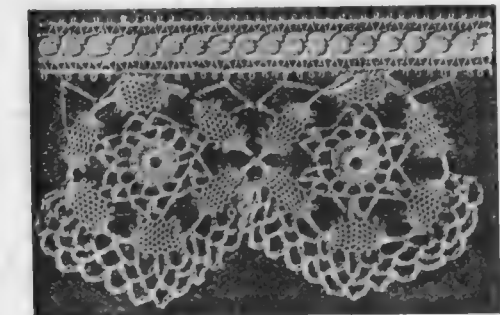
fasten to part between ovals, 6ch., skip 3 loops of straight braid, put needle through first loop of oval and fourth loop of braid; draw the thread through. Repeat until you have fastened 6 loops of oval to 6 loops of braid; 6ch. fasten to part between the ovals; 6ch. skip 3 on braid, fasten to fourth loop; 6ch., tr. in third loop of first oval; tr. in third loop of next oval; 6ch. fasten to fourth loop in braid; 6ch., fasten on part between oval. Repeat until all are connected. The same on the other side for the insertion.

For the outside edge make the same as the insertion except that you join straight braid to only one side. Make 4ch., join to first loop in oval; 4ch., join to third loop; 4ch., join to fourth loop; 4ch., join to sixth loop; 4ch., join to part between oval. Repeat until you have gone across; next row, 5ch., join into previous loop. Last row, 6ch. joined into the 5ch.

Ellen J. Carnady of Emporia, Kansas, has contributed the following on rag carpets.

"There are old garments and sheets and pillow cases in almost every house that might be utilized in making a rag carpet, and there is no floor covering that in point of usefulness or economy can compare with it. When a garment that cannot be worn again comes to the wash, cut off the buttons and bands, and tear it in strips from one-half to three-fourths of an inch wide; the finer they are the prettier the carpet will be. Put them in a bag or a box with a closely fitting cover so they will be protected from the dust. The work of sewing them is neither tedious nor difficult. When you have enough for a carpet, mix them thoroughly so the colors will be evenly distributed. Take them to the sewing machine, lap the ends of two strips and sew across the lap and back again; then without raising the machine foot, prepare the next strip and sew it. Continue until you have about a pound sewed, then clip the threads and wind into a ball. Rich dark colors, sewed hit or miss and warped with dark chain produces a good effect and is very pretty for bedrooms, but it is too dark for a room that is in constant use; a dark carpet shows dust more than a light one. Hit or miss carpets usually have several colors in the warp arranged in stripes.

If you wish to make a striped carpet, save the dark rags for the hit or miss stripes and color



the white rags yellow, red, blue and green with diamond dye for cotton. They make the carpet bright and will be pretty as long as it lasts. Black and white warp woven in brick work is pretty for striped carpets, or all brown or black may be used and will look better than bright colors. Get the best warp, for it is always the warp that wears out first, and have the weaver put five hundred threads in a carpet one yard wide. One pound of warp will be re-

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AS a rule, the efficient housekeeper will consider the conveniences of the kitchen of the house she is to occupy, whether it be one that is hired or one that is built for her supervision. She knows well how much the routine of domestic life depends upon a well-appointed and well-situated kitchen. She knows the value of good ventilation and plenty of light; she is well versed in the tediousness of the basement kitchen.

Many a house will contain a very good parlor, and it will be very imposing, perhaps, with its spaciousness. The visitor will feel very comfortable and his dinner or supper put away internally, will judge the whole merit of the house from the parlor and his happy stomach. How else could he?

Yet all the while the good housewife is enduring all sorts of vexations and inconveniences from an ill-arranged kitchen. She would like to take a few feet out of the parlor and have the benefit of it where it is needed more. She would like not only more room, but more air and light. The kitchen should be one of the best rooms in the house as regards the points mentioned, and, of course sleeping-rooms as well. Within the last twenty years the kitchen has been more duly considered, so that we do not see so many dark and cramped places as we used to. In modern times we have some things upon which we may be congratulated. As we have gained more knowledge and refinement in cooking, so we have become more alive to the situation and the accessories of our kitchens. The kitchen, which ought to be the "lungs" of the house, is too often a real plague spot, into which the mistress cares not to inquire too closely. How gloomy is the underground kitchen! You have read of and probably seen, some of the dark, moist, and vapory London kitchens, into which the daylight vainly struggles to gain an entrance.

You remember the "Marchioness" in the "Old Curiosity Shop," of Dickens, and her companions, the black beetles down in the dingy, gloomy, underground kitchen. In France, kitchens have always been a matter of importance and in hygienic considerations they have taken the lead, as well as their production, as the luxuries of the French Cuisine. Even the kitchen, the laboratory of the domestic world, has been an evolution. In early Roman days a vast apartment, back from the house, served as a kitchen, and over it reigned the chief cook with despotic rule. This was the case at least in the wealthy families; in others very often there was no kitchen at all, the caterer in the neighborhood supplied the meals at different rates in different localities, or a room served for the purpose; the lady of the house making the bread, and entrusting nothing of the cooking to the servants.

The eater is not of modern birth, but possesses an antiquity that dates as far back as the Homer Age when the kitchen was the heart of the house. Probably many of the Roman kitchens were practically in the open air, there being a roof to the apartment set aside for the purpose, but an awning to shield from the sun and air. In later days the Bayeux tapestry gives us an idea of the open-air cooking of the Normans.

The Gauls and Germans built their kitchens near the house, never within it, just as in India to-day the kitchen is a separate building under the charge of a butler.

All old Norman castles included a round building, completely roofed in which was the kitchen, and which was on the same plan as in all monasteries. As time went on, these kitchens grew in importance, and were often marvels of architecture, finished off with windows and doors, every possible facility being sought for letting in fresh air and sunlight.

At first, the fire was built in the corner of the room, but soon it became the central point, the smoke ascending to the roof in circles, and thence finding an outlet to the many chimneys. Then came the introduction of tables for the receipt of food; stools and other furniture.

The rude spit, let down from the ceiling, was turned by a boy, while the cook sat in dignity watching the proceeding. Soon the chimney was built over the hearth, and then the mantle-piece appeared.

Up to the twelfth century only roasting and boiling were attempted by the Normans and Saxons, and the only requirements were cold and the spit. Food was for a long time cooked on the embers, but the days of chivalry introduced many advanced ideas in European households, and from that period kitchens underwent a change for the better.

In the art of stewing was introduced, and rose in importance. Charles V. of France led a living upon all the officers of his household, out of gratitude for the discovery of a dish; while any new contrivance that improved the well-being, so to speak, of the kitchen was at once adopted.

Up into an Italian kitchen shows us a large brazier which stands in the center of the apartment, and near it bend two men while on the floor squats another man below the bellows, and two lads, one on side the fires sit on chairs, turning with the iron bars on which some birds are roasting, while above the stove or brazier roams a strong beam bunches of vegetables, etc.

Old Roman kitchens were well equipped with the necessary utensils for the elaborate

dishes of those days of much feasting. There were gridirons on four wheels which were moved about as needed to cook the large quantities of meat consumed in those days.

Gridirons were made of bronze, plated with silver. Shells made of bronze were used as moulds for pastry. Stock-pots had ladders attached, and colanders fitted inside to drain the vegetables, meats, etc. They had also a wonderful sauce-pan with a double bottom, in which pastry and light things for dessert were cooked by lighting a fire under the upper bottom upon which they rested. These sauce-pans were to be found in every well-appointed Roman kitchen.

Now for a few recipes from the sunny south.

CHICKEN AND MUSHROOMS.

Melt two tablespoons butter, add three tablespoons flour and pour on gradually one-half cup each of chicken stock and milk; then add one and one-half cups chicken cut in dice and one-quarter pound mushrooms which have been previously sautéed in butter until soft.

CARNI CON CHILI.

Disjoint two chickens, season with salt and pepper, and fry in batter. Remove seeds and veins from eight red peppers, scald them until soft in enough boiling water to cover, mash and rub through a sieve. Add one teaspoon salt, one onion, two cloves of garlic finely-chopped, and boiling water to cover. Cook until chicken is tender. Thicken sauce before serving and pour around chicken.

ARROS CON TOMATES.

Melt two tablespoons butter, add one cup rice, and stir until well browned. Cook in double boiler until soft, in highly seasoned brown stock. Turn onto a serving dish, cover with creole sauce and garnish with pimiento.

CREOLE SAUCE.

Cook two tablespoons chopped onion, two tablespoons chopped green pepper, one tablespoon chopped red pepper and four tablespoons chopped mushrooms in three tablespoons butter five minutes. Add two tablespoons flour, one cup tomatoes, a few slices truffle, one-quarter cup sherry wine and salt to taste. Simmer fifteen minutes.

CREOLE KISSES.

Blanch one-half pound almonds and cut in strips one-half of the nut meats and dry slowly in oven. Pour one-half cup boiling water over one-half cup sugar and stir until sugar is dissolved; then add remaining almonds and cook until syrup is a golden brown. Pour into a pan, cool and pound in mortar. Beat the whites of four eggs until stiff, add gradually one and one-quarter cups powdered sugar, one-half teaspoon vanilla, the almonds and one-quarter teaspoon salt. Shape, sift sugar over them and bake in a slow oven thirty minutes.

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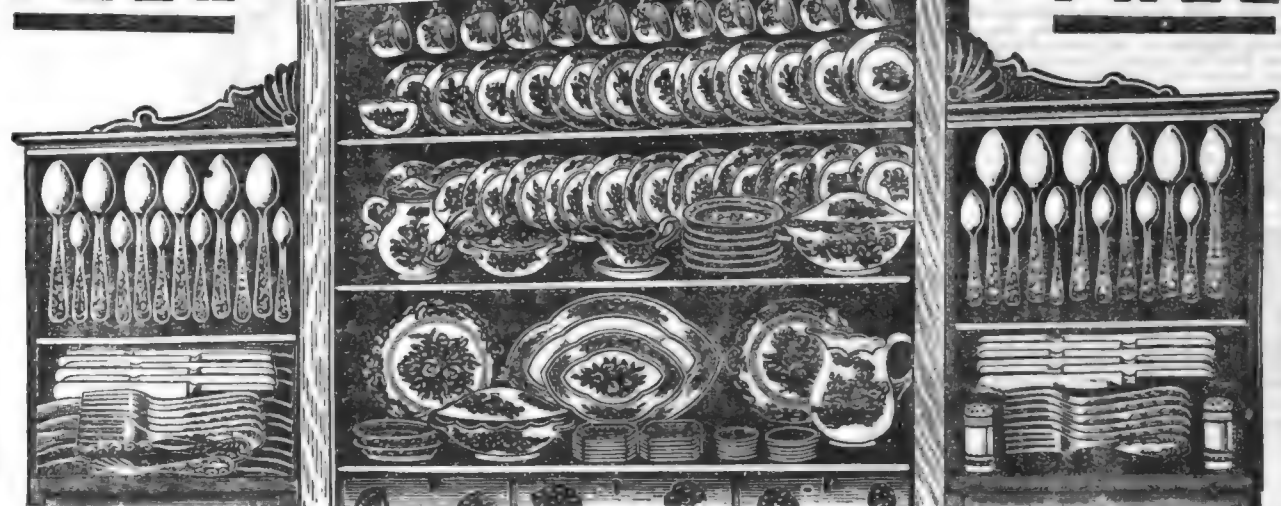
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August Bierbaum,
Femme Osage, Mo.

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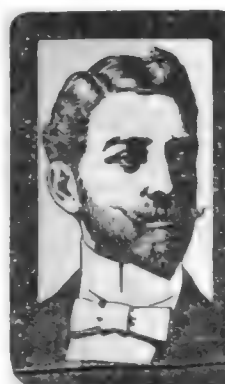
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Women's Club Houses.

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form the New England Woman's Club in Boston more than thirty years ago. The Cincinnati Woman's Club, the Woman's Club of Minneapolis and several other prominent clubs in different parts of the country are building club houses at present. Wherever these structures have been put up they have proved to be the centres of social and intellectual life of the town, and have invariably proved good business ventures, paying handsome dividends. Doubtless in ten years from now the woman's club house will be considered almost a necessity to every ambitious town and altogether too common to allow of newspaper articles being written about it.

Princess Beatrice.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



WHEN the world turns from sorrow over the death of Queen Victoria, its thoughts naturally center on the figure of her eldest son, Edward VII., now King of England. But we who visited the Isle of Wight that summer think first of the Princess Beatrice, and of the fortunate day when it was our privilege to see the late Queen.

We were standing on the end of the pier at Ryde. At our feet, a trig little pinnace bearing the royal coat of arms, rocked lazily on the waves that curled and rippled about it. When a traveler sees an emblem of royalty emblazoned on anything that goes, it is a safe rule to "stand by," as Captain Cuttle would say, to see what comes of it.

The present instance was no exception to the rule, for presently the Princess Beatrice, with the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, walked quietly and unattended down the pier, and, boarding the little pinnace started off in the direction of Osborne House. Not more than twenty persons seemed aware of this democratic, royal progress. Nothing could have been more simple and unaffected than the dress and bearing of these descendants of kings.

The Duke of Connaught, by far the handsomest member of the English royal family, has an aristocratic, high-bred face, and carries himself with a military air. The duchess, who is a German, is quite plain, with an uncomfortable amount of flesh.

The face of the Princess Beatrice impresses one as honest, sensible, motherly and good. In fact, as a voluble shop-keeper said to us the day before: "All the Queen's girls are good girls." The ladies were simply dressed, the princess wearing a plain black skirt and jacket with a white sailor hat. A sailor hat seems to be the national head gear of an Englishwoman, by the way.

In an unostentatious, but business-like manner, H. R. H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, or the Princess Beatrice, as she is familiarly called, goes over the island attending her duties. She makes purchases at the little shops, and occasionally drops into some quiet cafe for afternoon tea. Since the death of the former governor, Prince Henry of Battenberg, the position has been held by his widow, the Princess Beatrice. While the title may be an honorary one, there are many real duties, well performed by this youngest daughter of the late Queen. She is the patroness of charitable bazaars held on the island during the summer, and it was on one of these occasions that we saw Queen Victoria.

When it was announced that her Majesty would attend a midsummer fete given at Carisbrooke Castle in aid of the parish church, the success of the undertaking was assured.

The castle, finely situated on top of a wooded hill, is of itself well worth a visit. On the date of the fete it took on an unwonted air, and developed gypsy tents in historic corners, with mysterious palmists lurking in time-honored lodges. The ancient banquet hall, with its timbered roof and crumbling walls, was transformed into a theater with an improvised stage. The private chapel of King Charles became a dressing-room for the artists. Pleasure seekers poured in by coach, and by train, and the place became enlivened with music and laughter.

A Bicycle Gymkhana was held on the old green. All sorts of competitions took place during the ride and prizes were awarded the winners. There was an egg and spoon race, and there were lay figures to be picked up from the ground without dismounting. Two of the games seemed more English and less familiar than the others. One was called a Green Race. Each gentleman rode from the starting point, leading his fair one's bicycle to the half-way post, where the lady mounted and rode with him to the notary's table. Then they entered their names in the register. Then they rode back, hand in hand, to the starting point, the first couple to arrive there winning the prize.

The other was a bill posting competition.

The gentleman carried the paste bucket and posters; the lady carried the brush. Posters were stuck right side up on boarding, as the place for bills is called in England. The bills had to stick until the competitors returned to the starting point.

Tea was served. It was expensive, to be sure, and the service was not beyond criticism. A cup without a saucer is by no means the most convenient arrangement. A spoon handed one by a member of the nobility is soothing so far as it goes, and may be considered as a symptom of tea; but when it is not followed by any further evidences of refreshment, considerable is left to the imagination. Not every day, however, does one have the honor to be served by high-born ladies; and as they looked on all deficiencies as a huge joke, American good humor was soon able to see things in the same light.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, with her children and other members of the family, appeared at four o'clock—in time to attend the concert.

Two hours later, in the mellow afternoon light, just as the sun was flashing messages that were caught by the royal standard as it floated from the old keep, the Queen arrived at the castle. A little old, old lady in a pair of spectacles, seated in the corner of an open landau. So small was this little old, old lady, as to be almost hidden from view by the high sides of the carriage. She wore a mushroom shaped hat, tied under her chin, and there was a drop curtain sort of veil which the young princess who was with her, tucked up and around the hat in order that the people might have a good view of their revered sovereign, Victoria, Queen of England.

As Her Majesty turned to acknowledge some lusty cheering near us, we saw one familiar feature—the round mouth that we have learned to know in the youthful pictures of the Queen. The outriders in scarlet made way for the coachman who handled the reins over a pair of grays. A Scotchman in national costume also sat on the box, but there was no call for his assistance as the Queen did not leave the carriage. Members of the royal family grouped themselves about the august visitor. The scene was a pretty one. On one side, gray, ivy-grown walls; on the other, a beautiful lawn backed by fine old trees. Several teams of lady cyclists with their machines tastefully decorated in flowers, rode in procession. Picturesque gypsies carrying tambourines, walked by making deep obeisance as they did so. To all the arrangements made for her entertainment the Queen gave pleased and interested attention.

The royal visit lasted about half an hour; then, amid cheers and to the strains of the national anthem, Her Majesty left Carisbrooke and rode on toward Osborne House, the place now in the minds of all as the last earthly home of a noble woman—the late Queen and Empress—Victoria.

MANUFACTURED ART.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



THE close of the day's work brings me to where, on my way home, a dark-eyed, swarthy-skinned, smiling Italian stands on the corner, and presides over a basket of little plaster images—Venuses, Apollos, Mercurys, Dantes, lions, lionesses,

flower girls, Washingtons, Deweys and other celebrities. One evening a particularly pretty little statuette attracted my attention, and in the conversation that followed I became greatly interested in the subject of these little works of art. Under the direction of my friend accordingly I one day visited the place where his stock in trade was manufactured.

The making of these image-reproductions of some of the greatest works of ancient art, as well as some more modern work of our foremost sculptors—which are so common on the street corners and in our homes, gives employment to a large number of men in our large cities, and is a process of manufacture about which comparatively little is known. The vendor of the images is often also the manufacturer, though it is oftener the case that one of these establishments fills the baskets of dozens of the peddlers. Some out-of-the-way basement is usually chosen for the workshop. Each man employed does his one special part of the work, though none of them are artists. Some good sculptor is usually employed to copy the piece to be reproduced in marble or clay. This pattern he sells to the factory or sometimes leases it for a fair price. This copy is used for a model from which all the plaster reproductions are taken. There are two processes of making the reproduction. In the first the model is made of glue, and in the other, which is used in the reproduction of panels and plaques, a model of sulphur is used.

In the first process the model is first thoroughly oiled, and is then hung in a vat of liquid glue. The glue adheres to the image and is allowed to cool and harden, when it is cut away in two pieces. The model is removed, the mould fastened together again and liquid plaster poured into the hollow.

The rough cast thus produced is then taken by another workman, who with a knife smooths off the rough edges left by the glue mould. Another goes over the whole figure and rubs and smooths it still further into shape. If an ivory finish is desired the cast is shellacked and by the application of different kinds of paints it is made to resemble bronze or terra-cotta to suit the fancy of the purchas-

er. Often very meritorious work is done by these workmen in shading the casts, by a judicious use of paint in the deeper parts.

In making a plaster image like a statuette it is necessary to mould different parts of the figure separately, and these parts are afterwards firmly joined by means of wooden pegs and the joint cleverly concealed with plaster. Then, too, a leg or an arm in a larger cast is sometimes made stronger by means of a wire embedded in the plaster. All these processes require no little skill on the part of the workmen.

In the use of the sulphur mould the model is covered with melted sulphur, which, when cool, makes a much more durable mould than glue, which is not good for more than a dozen castings.

But supplying the baskets of street peddlers with images is not the only channel by which the plaster image manufacturer disposes of his wares. A considerable business is carried on with the clothing stores, milliners, hair-dressers and the like, and the beauties we see adorning the show windows and displaying to ad-

vantage Brown's \$5 suit of clothes, or Jones' latest creation in spring head gear, also had their origin in the plaster image factory. Another source of revenue is in supplying the art schools with models in the form of plaster casts, while some of the larger and better class of these manufactories make really meritorious reproductions of large works of art, which are used as mural decorations in some of our homes. Lately some of these places also have taken plaster casts of the hands of people vain enough to think that member worth preserving, and rich enough to gratify the whim.

The business in America is yet young. Most of the images were formerly made abroad, (principally Italy) and exported to America, but of late tariff charges have made it cheaper for the vendors to have the work done here.

In conclusion, whatever our views may be on the subject of art, who shall say that the business that places in our homes, at a ridiculously small price, reproductions of all that is best in ancient as well as modern sculpture, is not worthy a high place in our esteem?

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Chats With Aunt Minerva.

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"We heard afterwards that these two men had requested permission of their guard to go into the woods a few steps to get a stick to use in driving the oken, with whose help they were hauling logs. The guard consented, but the men, instead of returning to their work ran deeper and deeper into the woods. They were fired upon, but the trunks and foliage of the trees protected them and they got away. The guard could not follow them until he had locked up the remaining six convicts under his charge, so they had a long start of him. One of them was never caught. The penalty for an attempt at escape is a whipping in addition to the fact that an escaped convict must serve his whole sentence over again, dating from the time of his recapture, no matter how much of it had been already served, so it is not often that one of them tries to escape."

Mrs. LOUISE V. YRAGLEY, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Our next letter takes us back to our own country, and to its earliest colonial days.

"I am sure that quite a number of Aunt Minerva's nieces and nephews are familiar with the story of the lost island, Atlantis, but how many of them have ever heard of Dorchester, the city that passed away."

"In 1696, while Charleston, South Carolina, was yet in its infancy, a settlement was made in that State by a band of Congregationalists from Dor-



RUINS OF THE OLD WHITE MEETING HOUSE.

chester, Massachusetts, who embarked December 5, 1695, in two small vessels. Though they had a rough passage, encountering many severe gales, they reached the Carolina coast safely, and in a little less than two weeks. They ascended the Ashley River almost to its headwaters, and there began the settlement to which they gave the name of the one whence they had come.

"They took up their abode in the unbroken forest, among savages and wild beasts, at least twenty miles from the dwelling of any other white man. They were pioneers of an intrepid, industrious spirit, and soon had a large and flourishing town, which in time grew to a city of nearly two thousand inhabitants. Stores, dwellings, and schoolhouses were erected, while a fort was built on the river bank, not only as a means of defence against the Spaniards, who were constantly making invasions into Carolina, but also as a place of refuge in the event of an attack from the Indians. The fort was constructed of coquina, powdered shells cemented together. Some parts of it are still in good preservation.

"Strange to say the Dorchester colony did not erect their church in the town, but two or three miles away. It was called the 'Old White Meeting House' to distinguish it from the other church, St. George's Episcopal, built in the town some twenty years later. Two walls of the 'Old White Meeting House' are yet standing. Many distinguished men have preached in it, among them the great Whitfield.

"St. George's was quite an imposing edifice, built in the form of a cross, with Gothic windows and a fine, strong tower in which there was a chime of bells.

"In 1792, the people of Dorchester, for some reason not now known, deserted their city with all its evidences of their painstaking labor, and, crossing the Savannah River, settled in Liberty County,



THE TOWER OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Georgia. Here they organized what has since been called 'Old Midway Church.' D. Abiel Holmes, father of Oliver Wendell Holmes, was pastor of this church from 1785 to 1791.

"At the present time nothing remains of the once thriving city of Dorchester, South Carolina, save the ruins of the old fort and the tower of St. George's Church."

A. M. BARNES, Summerville, S. C.

Here is a letter which I wish had reached me in time to be given to you in the winter, but as it did not I will let you have it now, hoping it is not too late for your answers to be of some use to the writer. He says:

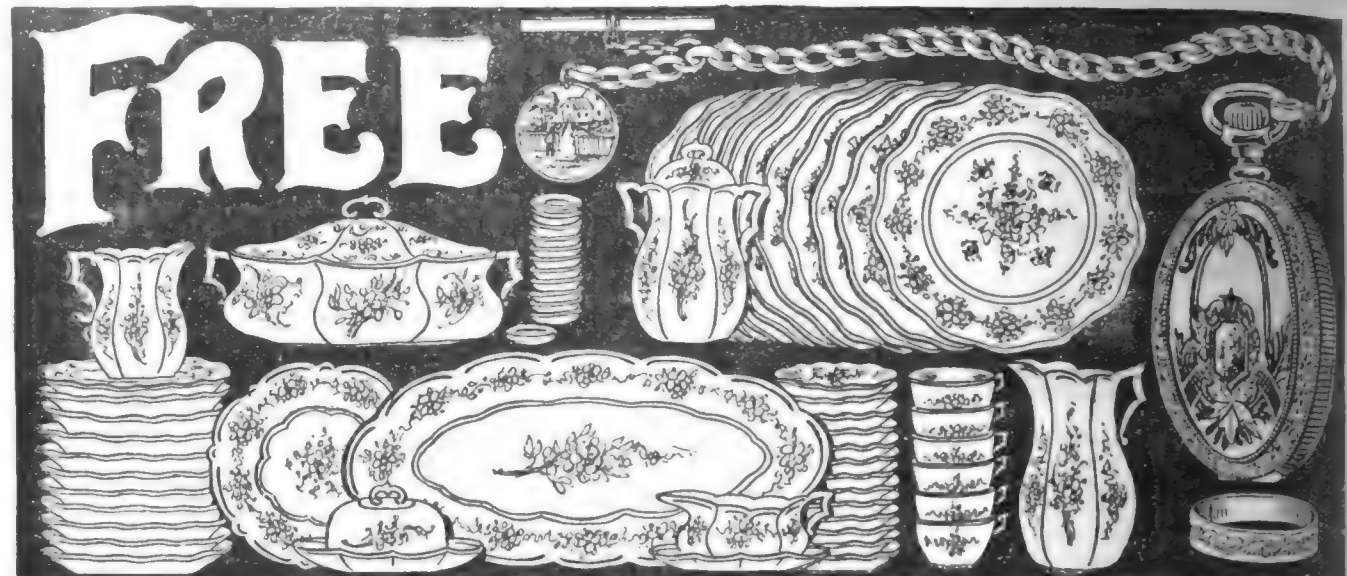
"I wish some friend would tell us about peanuts, the kinds best adapted to a northern climate, most productive and quickest in maturity, culture and curing."

"I had more than half a bushel from a fifty-foot row, the experiment of last season. I think they might become a new, profitable crop on Long Island. The first two frosts in the fall did no damage, and the third, heavy, frost did only light damage to leaves. I took the first premium at the Suffolk County Fair with them, and I wish to try half an acre of several best kinds in this season."

SIMPSON THOMAS, Aquebogue, Long Island, N. Y.

Here is another Georgia cousin who wants to have a little talk with us. Truly our Georgia cousins are sociable and neighborly, and we owe them at least a vote of thanks for being so nice to us.

"We live on a high hill with a large oak grove on the south and east, and in the fall this grove is glorious with its brilliant foliage. On the east side the hill slopes down to the old mill which does the grinding for all the neighborhood. Just above the mill is a pond whence come all our fish. Sweet potatoes are very abundant with us and I often think of and pity the Northern people who do not know what it is to have a surplus of them. After they



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I have a nice letter from a young cousin, Freda Bayer. Thank you very much, Freda, for remembering me, and I wish I could see your flock of chickens. They must be well worth a visit.

Albert C. Adams, of Yoakum, Texas, writes me a vivid description of that awful disaster, the Galveston flood; but I cannot use 'timely' articles. My 'copy' has to be prepared at least two months before it appears in print.

There, that is the last for this month, I think, so with the best wishes for your success in all your spring undertakings I will say good-by.

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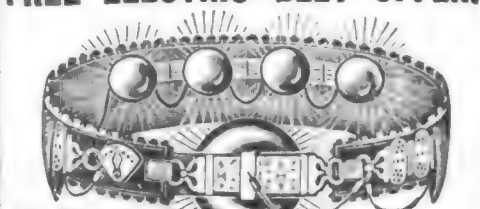
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BRETHREN OF THE SEA.

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THE earliest pirates known on the coasts of America were the notorious buccaneers who began their career in no objectionable way.

Some of the West Indies were overrun with wild cattle and when this was known among the sailors on trading vessels from Europe, it was a common occurrence for

them to stop at the small sea-ports and load their vessels with this dried beef which they learned how to prepare from the natives. Hence their name from the French word *boucanier*, meaning simply a "drier of beef." Gradually, however, the word buccaneer began to mean sea-robber and some of their evil deeds have never been surpassed even by the pirates of the old world.

Soon piracy became a sort of brotherhood. These desperate men who sailed under the black flag called themselves "The Brethren of the Sea," and among themselves it is quite probable that honor existed.

One John Esquemeling, a native of France, by a peculiar train of circumstances joined this brotherhood and sailed the seas for several years as a pirate. Finally he returned to his own country and in 1672 wrote a history entitled "The Buccaneers of America, or The True Account of the Most Remarkable Assaults Committed of Late Years upon the Coasts of the West Indies, etc., etc., by One of the Buccaneers Who Was Present at Those Tragedies." This was afterwards translated into English and Spanish and the tales come down to us as historical.

Among other famous men of this fierce description were L'Olonnois who after perishing some of the blackest deeds was finally captured and torn literally limb from limb, and each fragment thrown into a fire. When this monster had been consumed his ashes were scattered so not a vestige of him should remain.

Henry Morgan was recognized as "buccaneer-in-chief" of the West Indies and commanded twelve ships and seven hundred men. To relate the abominable tortures he and his men inflicted upon poor people would make one's flesh creep. This shrewd man was at one time acting Deputy-Governor of Jamaica and was knighted by King Charles, who would not listen to the atrocities he had committed and dubbed him "Sir Henry Morgan" for his great bravery. After the death of Charles II. he was sent to England in chains, but what his end was we do not know.

"Blackbeard," whose real name was Thatch, was the terror of all the Southern coast, especially Virginia. He was finally killed by a sailor named Maynard. Stede Bonnet, a retired Major in the British army, became one of Blackbeard's leading men. He was, after a wicked life of murder and robbery, hanged by the Governor of South Carolina.

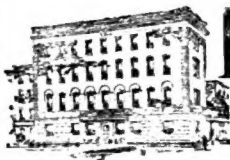
Man alone did not hold the laurel for dark deeds in those days more than ours. There were two women who, dressed as men, sailed under the black flag, who happened during their piratical life to be thrown together, one, Anne Bonny was the daughter of a Carolina planter who in his early days was an Irish lawyer. This daughter married a young sailor and afterward leaving him married one of the foremost pirates of the day a Captain Rackham. She was finally captured, and put in irons in England but pardoned eventually.

Mary Reed, daughter of an English captain of a trading vessel, was dressed in boys' clothes from childhood on account of a whim of the mother, and became a pirate at an early age. She fell in love with one of her bandit companions whom she married. Mary Reed like the previously mentioned woman was caught and imprisoned in England. She was tried for piracy and condemned to death but died of fever soon after her conviction.

Jean Lafitte, the gulf pirate, was a very talented man, a blacksmith originally. This occupation he gave up for the more profitable one of piracy. With his two brothers as assistants he managed a system of privateering which for a long time was considered partially legal. Nothing is known of his end. By some it is confidently believed that Aaron Burr's beautiful daughter Theodosia who met an unknown fate on the seas was captured and held by this pirate Lafitte.

Among all the bandits who have been lauded in legend or song there is none with whom all are so familiar as Captain Kidd. And every where from the Gulf to Canada his spoils are said to have been buried. According to stories told by old inhabitants of Cape Cod, Capt. Kidd once captured a young woman named Hannah and not knowing how else to dispose of her he buried her with his treasures in order to have her keep away intruders until he should return. This has been commemorated in a little ballad "The Lady Hannah" by Mr. James H. Morse. William Kidd was executed and his body hung in chains on the banks of the Thames, Eng. where it dangled as a warning to sailors for many years.

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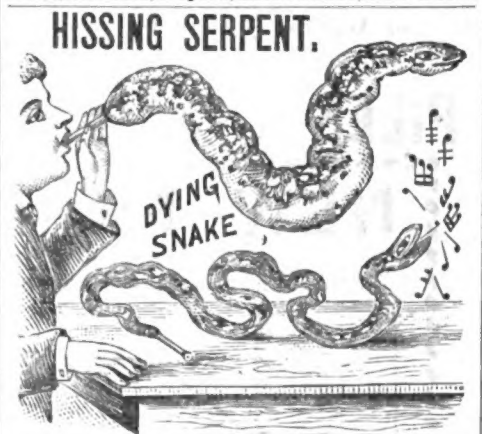
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18-Saturday. Look sharp that thy tongue does not run away with thy judgment; think before speaking and utter no untruth. It is a time when many strange and regrettable marriages take place; better remain single than marry in the early hours of this day; especially should the young shun marriage with the aged. If thou art in love avoid disagreements with the person who has engaged thine affections; especially if born about the 7th of January, April, July, or October of past years. Married ladies claim; birthdays near the dates indicated are cautioned that the passing weeks are somewhat adverse to their peace of mind and they are urged to have consideration for their married partners and to see that unpleasant experiences and marital ruptures at this time cannot be traced to faults of their own. Mutual forbearance and consideration will bridge over many dangerous chasms in the marital relations. Physical ailments of married partners in the lives of persons so born are in many cases the cause for unusual anxiety just in these passing weeks.

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20-Monday. Drive thy business all this day, push mechanical, technical and scientific pursuits; engravers, carvers, sculptors, engineers, surveyors should improve this day. Persons in the manufacturing enterprises should fully employ the passing moments; deal with military men, brass and iron workers, butchers, tanners, bakers and machinists.

21-Tuesday. Make no contract concerning real estate or with the aged during this day, in which adverse conditions seem to conspire in a general way to baffle best progress or success in any direction; routine matters should have principal attention under these influences and no beginning be made in any important undertaking.

22-Wednesday. Have no dealings concerning patents or patented goods, nor expect advantage from written applications to railroads or other corporate bodies; as the noon is passed let all interested engage earnestly in the elegant occupations; pursue music and the fine arts, and urge trade in fancy wares and articles which please and gratify.

23-Thursday. A most excellent day for business; select the early hours for musical or artistic professions or speculations, also for courtship or marriage; urge literary matters, especially poetry, the drama, and the elegant branches generally; commercial men are favored in an eminent degree; press writers and public speakers are much assisted by prevailing conditions; travel and remove thy residence if desirable near this time.

24-Friday. Give preference to the forenoon for the most active efforts in thine affairs, being careful lest a desire to gratify thyself in some particulars may induce extravagance in thy purchases; be watchful of the pennies in the afternoon when no purchases should be made for purposes of trade; do not bargain for houses or lands, or any mining or agricultural production in the last half of the day.

25-Saturday. It will be well if fires have been guarded against during the night preceding this day, as combustion has been promoted in the passing time; the day will be one of quickened activity and especially conducive to bad disputes; let bank officials scrutinize bills and handwriting and those who earn their livelihood by the use of the pen be very careful in all acts; make no new beginnings in any of the artistic pursuits in the early afternoon; the late hours of the day are the best, when money favors and financial advantages may be more easily obtained.

26-Sunday. The forenoon does not promise well for mental exertions but inclines to petulance and irritability; the afternoon brings considerable improvement, particularly to lovers of music, the fine arts and the elegant in literature.

27-Monday. Begin the week with the dawn and work diligently; urge business of all kinds, but especially that which pertains to the elegant and artistic life; during the forenoon applications to employers and persons in authority for preferment or advantages are likely to meet with more favorable consideration than usual.

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29-Wednesday. A fortunate day generally for the literary pursuits and for dealings with persons engaged in clerical capacities, also teachers, students, surveyors, civil engineers, and mathematicians generally; let mercantile business of all kinds be urged to the utmost, particularly during the forenoon hours.

30-Thursday. Urge all business to the utmost during this day, giving preference, if any, to the forenoon hours for travel, removal, and the prosecution of the mechanical trades; the purchase of machinery, implements of manufacture, electrical apparatus, hardware, cutlery, glassware, metals, leather, chemicals, or drugs; the operations of surgeons and dentists meet with more than ordinary success; have money dealings in the afternoon.

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